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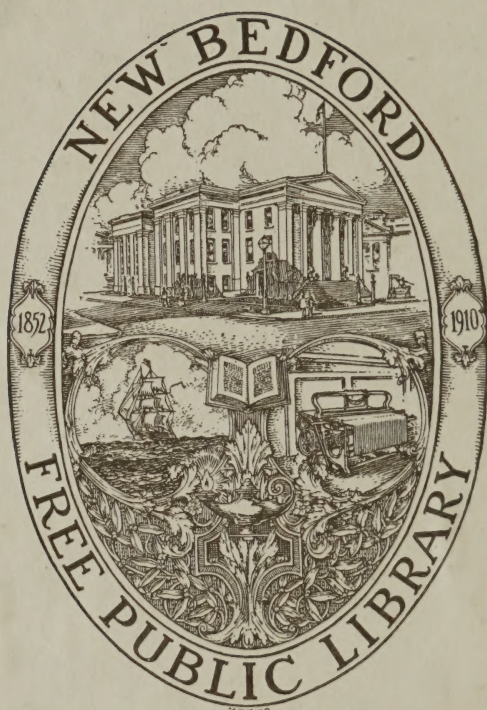
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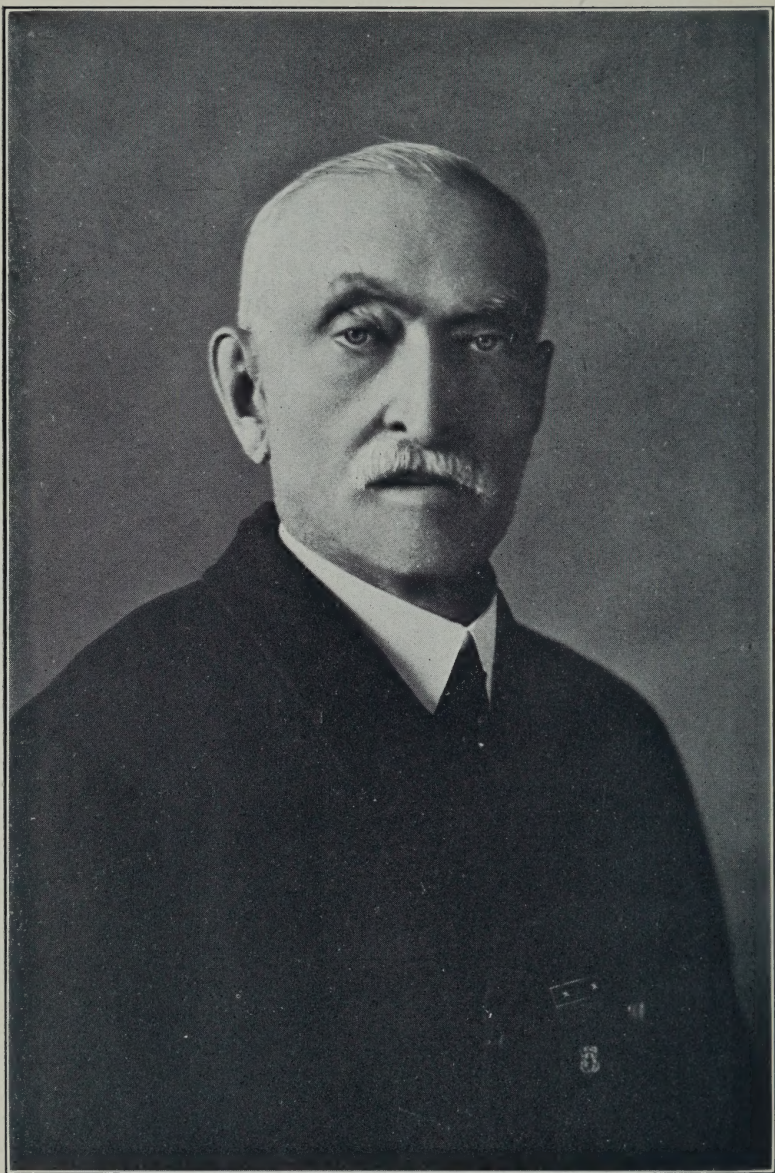
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FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON

APRIL 7, 1925

WITH ADDRESS OF

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BENJAMIN A. HAM

REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.



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# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

## OF THE

# FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## OF THE

# DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, April 7, 1925.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, met in Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, April 7th, in accordance with General Orders of the Department. Before the opening of the convention Past-commander J. Payson Bradley made the following inquiry:

Comrade Bradley: "Before opening I would like to ask if this new Faneuil Hall, which looks so nice and in which we shall have our Encampment today, cannot have an American flag floating over it? There is such a flag as the American Flag, and I would like to see it here." (The matter is attended to.)

Guard duty was performed by a detail from James A. Perkins Post 156 of Everett, Officer of the Day George A. Parsons assisted by the following Comrades:

Moses Kellar, Post 35.  
Thomas Smith, Post 139.

John Shattuck, Post 200.  
George Levens, Post 40.

At 10.20 the convention was opened by Assistant Adjutant General Wetherbee with a formal tender of the gavel to Commander Ham.

Commander: "Comrades, this is the fifty-ninth annual encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Officer of the Day, are the approaches to this Encampment properly guarded?"

Officer of the Day: "Comrades, they are."

Commander: "Are the officers present and in their proper places?"

Officer of the Day: "I think they are, Commander."

Commander: "Comrades, once more we are assembled as the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may all our hearts unite as one in sustaining the great objects of our association. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing. Parade rest."

Chaplain George W. Nead, Post 169: "Just a moment of silence as we remember our Comrades who have been mustered out, especially those who have gone from us during the past year." (Silence for a few moments.)

"Our hearts swell with gratitude to Thee our Heavenly Father. Thou art the author of life and the giver of every good and perfect gift that comes with it. We thank Thee as comrades of the Grand Army. Thou hast prolonged our days and permitted us once more to meet each other and greet each other at this time. Behold how good and pleasant it is for comrades to come together and work together and dwell together in unity!

"We thank Thee for this historic building, this great shrine and Cradle of Liberty, where so many statesmen and orators have advocated the cause of independence, freedom and union.

"We thank Thee that we have lived to see the day when our nation has not only been saved from dissolution, but has grown and prospered until it has become the leading nation of the world today. O God, not unto us — not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the glory forever!



"We thank Thee for the Grand Army of the Republic and for the allied orders connected with it — all the institutions belonging to it. We know that our numbers are fast diminishing here, but they are increasing just as fast on the eternal camping-ground. There the drums of war are never beaten; there is no shock of battle; there are no long and forced marches; no 'taps' sounded for deceased comrades, for there is no death there. We may give emphasis to this thought at this time of the year when winter has been changed to spring and death to life, the Easter Sabbath so near at hand reminding us of Him who was dead but arose again from the tomb.

"May this thought comfort us all, and be a comfort to those in the home where there is the vacant chair today. We pray Thee that Thou wilt bless us in this our fifty-ninth department encampment; may the business of the hour be transacted in unity and harmony, and a spirit of comradeship prevail in all our hearts; and as we go to our homes be able to say we thank God that we have been able to be here and by our presence and all that we do and say have been able to do something to promote the interests of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, which to us is the best department of them all. We ask all in the name of the Great Commander-in-Chief who loved us and gave Himself for us all. Amen."

Commander: "Attention, comrades. I declare this Encampment now open for the transaction of its business. Comrade Wetherbee will call the roll of officers."

### ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1925.

[Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk (\*) were present.]

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Post 2, South Boston . . . . .	*BENJAMIN A. HAM	Commander
Post 87, South Braintree . . . . .	*WILLIAM L. GAGE	Senior Vice-Commander
Post 90, Danvers . . . . .	*HENRY N. COMEY	Junior Vice-Commander
Post 191, Boston . . . . .	WALTER B. WHITING	Medical Director
Post 169, Norwood . . . . .	*REV. GEORGE W. NEAD	Chaplain

#### OFFICIAL STAFF.

Post 62, Newton . . . . .	*WILFRED A. WETHERBEE	Assistant Adjutant General
Post 115, Boston . . . . .	*EUGENE D. SANBORN	Assistant Quartermaster-General
Post 10, Worcester . . . . .	*EDWARD J. FOSTER	Judge-Advocate
Post 2, South Boston . . . . .	*L. R. MARSTON	Inspector
Post 89, Beverly . . . . .	*W. H. MORGAN	Chief Mustering Officer
Post 16, Springfield . . . . .	*HORACE GOODWIN	Patriotic Instructor
Post 87, South Braintree . . . . .	*HENRY A. MONK	Chief-of-Staff

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*JAMES H. WEBB	Post 88, Quincy
A. P. B. KELLY	Post 10, Worcester
*D. W. HAMMOND	Post 47, Haverhill
*HENRY WHITEMORE	Post 29, Waltham

\*PHILIP A. NORDELL  
Post 143, Brookline      *Headquarters Clerk*

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.**

*JOHN D. BILLINGS.	*JOHN M. WOODS.
*WILFRED A. WETHERBEE.	*ALFRED H. KNOWLES.
*J. PAYSON BRADLEY.	DANIEL E. DENNY.
*GEORGE W. WILDER.	*EDWIN F. MORRILL.
*HORACE GOODWIN.	*HENRY CLARK.
*GEORGE A. HOSLEY.	*GEORGE W. PRATT.
*THOMAS J. AMES.	

**POSTS.**

**Wm. Logan Rodman Post 1, New Bedford.**

Commander, \*Nahum F. Nickelson.

S. V. C., \*John H. Lawrence.

J. V. C., \*John J. Holmes.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

\*Jerry Robetoye.

George H. Carpenter.

*Past Commander.*

Henry Slosson.

**Dahlgren Post 2, South Boston.**

Commander, Leander K. Marston.

S. V. C., \*Frederick Whitney.

J. V. C., \*Edwin A. Cutter.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

William Piggrene.

James Crowley.

*Past Commanders.*

J. Payson Bradley.  
J. Herbert Appleton.  
William H. Whitney.  
J. Irving Gross.  
\*James H. Greene.

Benjamin M. Campbell.  
Benjamin A. Ham.  
Joseph W. Batchelder.  
\*George L. Hall.  
James Toomoth.

**William H. Bartlett Post 3, Taunton.**

Commander, \*Oscar A. Hillard.

S. V. C., \*Edward Gilroy.

J. V. C., \*Rollins H. Babbitt.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

\*Henry W. Francis.  
Clark P. Borden.

George T. Briggs.  
Edward W. Harlow.

*Past Commanders.*

Franklin Bosworth.  
\*John C. Chase.  
James Glover.

\*Henry N. Hopkins.  
George F. Read.  
\*Henry D. White.

Silas W. Wood.



S. V. C., \*Asa Child. Commander, William H. Chamberlin. J. V. C., \*Edwin C. Brooks.

*Representative.*  
William Riley.

*Alternate.*  
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*Past Commanders.*

\*Charles L. Robinson.  
Frederick U. Carson.  
Rufus D. Kilgore.

\*Joseph A. Wiggin.  
Charles L. Moore.  
F. K. Stratton.

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**General Lander Post 5, Lynn.**

Commander, \*Charles Brackett.

S. V. C., \*Emory E. Larrabee.

J. V. C., \*Wm. F. Dodge.

*Representatives.*

\*Alexander S. Wright.  
\*Alfred W. Terrill.  
\*Daniel N. Steingart.  
\*Fred E. Sprague.  
\*George E. Dow.  
\*Charles A. Adams.  
\*Eugene M. Libbey.

*Alternates.*

George M. Pike.  
Jacob R. Lord.  
Samuel S. Leaver.  
Lewis F. Granger.  
Benj. R. Newhall.  
John Chamberlain.

*Past Commanders.*

Cyrus A. Chadwell.  
George C. Neal.  
Thomas M. Buricks.  
George W. Bulfinch.

\*William P. Conway.  
Thomas H. Felter.  
Clarence M. Sprague.  
A. P. B. Kelly.

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**P. T. Wyman Post 6, Holliston.**

Commander, \*George R. Russell.

S. V. C., \*B. F. Willey.

J. V. C., James Cunningham.

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**Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, Boston.**

Commander, \*Charles O. Newell.

S. V. C., \*Amos L. Poole.

J. V. C., Joseph Baxter.

*Representatives.*

\*Henry A. Bonnell.  
\*Charles L. Eldredge.

*Alternates.*

J. B. Rogers.  
Charles Bennett.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John B. McDonough.  
Samuel J. Simmons.

\*Geo. L. Spencer.  
John McGrath.

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**F. W. Pierce Post 8, Middleborough.**

Commander, \*Alvin C. Howes.

S. V. C., Grover Bennett.

J. V. C., George H. Thomas.

*Representatives.*

\*Henry H. Bennett.  
\*Charles M. Maxim.

*Alternates.*

Martin Hanley.  
C. C. Smith.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Reno Post 9, Hudson.**

Commander, \*Lorenzo F. Hemenway.

S. V. C., \*Frank E. Emery.

J. V. C., George W. Edson.

*Representative.*

Charles F. Rich.

*Alternate.*

Daniel D. Rose.

*Past Commanders.*

\*James P. Clare.  
 \*Daniel D. Rose.  
 Alvin A. Young.  
 Walter H. Smith.

George W. Swaney.  
 Frank H. Stevens.  
 George B. Leonard.  
 Edward E. Place.

**Charles H. Ward Post 10, Worcester.**

Commander, Edward J. Foster.

S. V. C., William H. Adams.

J. V. C., \*Charles R. Ayers.

*Representatives.*

Herbert A. Kimball.  
 \*William S. Holliday.  
 \*Lewis H. Scott.  
 \*Moses D. Gilman.  
 \*Horace M. Tompkins.  
 \*George R. Leland.  
 Waldo H. Vinton.

*Alternates.*

Horatio S. Ballue.  
 George S. Bliss.  
 Alex H. Johnson.  
 Julius F. Knight.  
 Thomas E. Noyes.  
 Frank B. Towle.  
 Marcus M. Smith.  
 \*Lucian A. Samson.  
 \*Thomas Campbell.

*Past Commanders.*

Joseph A. Titus.  
 \*William B. Lowney.  
 James Armstrong.  
 \*Henry A. Winn.  
 Wm. H. Shearman.  
 \*Genery T. Darling.  
 \*M. H. Mentzer.

\*Charles E. Morey.  
 \*George A. Blunt.  
 Charles W. Wilson.  
 John Keyes.  
 \*Chas. R. Huntley.  
 \*George A. Brown.  
 \*L. A. Lamson.

Edward L. Janes.

**Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Charlestown.**

Commander, Joseph F. Stoddard.

S. V. C., \*George S. Campbell.

J. V. C., Horace A. Bradford.

*Representatives.*

John W. Dennett.  
 \*Phineas P. Pettis.

*Alternates.*

Francis E. Knight.  
 John F. Madden.

*Past Commanders.*

Andrew J. Bailey.  
 Isaac W. Derby.  
 Alvin R. Bailey.

\*George M. Davis.  
 George A. Hosley.  
 \*Charles H. Almeder.

**Horace M. Warren Post 12, Wakefield.**

Commander, \*J. Warren Poland.

S. V. C., \*John F. Shea.

J. V. C., \*Alfred Brown.

*Representative.*

R. C. Ransom.

*Alternate.*

S. A. Lenfest.

*Past Commanders.*

D. W. McCarty.  
 Austin E. Perry.

\*Stanley B. Dearborn.  
 Charles A. Evans.



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**Fletcher Webster Post 13, Brockton.**

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Commander, Andrew C. Gibbs.

S. V. C., T. F. Palmer.

J. V. C., Daniel D. Sanford.

*Representatives.*

\*Samuel J. Wade.  
Benjamin Ford.  
\*John Fetherston.

*Alternates.*

Almanson Osborne.  
George H. Mann.  
Dexter E. Wilbor.

*Past Commanders.*

John A. Hall.  
Seth M. Hall.

George A. Grant.  
\*John Crawford.

Oliver F. Hayes.

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**C. C. Phillips Post 14, Hopkinton.**

Commander, \*Edwin A. Newton.

S. V. C., Michael F. Danehy.

J. V. C., George E. Dailey.

*Representative.*

\*Sidney H. Whitney.

*Alternate.*

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**John A. Andrew Post 15, Boston.**

Commander, \*John J. Lynn.

S. V. C., John C. Langdon.

\*J. V. C., Frank W. Mead.

*Representatives.*

\*Albert Fitzmeyer.  
\*Martin Feeney.  
\*George H. Merrill.

*Alternates.*

Forest L. Whittredge.  
Dennis Driscoll.  
Joseph A. Sawyer.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Eugene D. Sanborn.  
\*David King.

\*John J. Sheehan.  
\*William H. Eldridge.

\*James F. Smith.

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**E. K. Wilcox Post 16, Springfield.**

Commander, \*Henry H. Hoisington.

S. V. C., \*William B. Covil.

J. V. C., \*William B. Waterman.

*Representatives.*

\*Benjamin R. Franklin.  
\*Melvin H. Mossman.  
\*Charles B. Burt.  
\*Leonard P. Strong.

*Alternates.*

Orange L. Pomeroy.  
Abel P. Adams.  
William A. Towne.  
Charles W. Bliss.

*Past Commanders.*

James B. Keene.

James Anderson.  
Edwin F. Wetherell.

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**General Sedgwick Post 17, Orange.**

Commander, Edward Baker.

S. V. C., Israel Newton.

J. V. C., C. H. Mixter.

*Representative.*

Henry W. Kidder.

*Alternate.*

Arthur F. Slate.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
Colonel Prescott Post 18, Ashland.

Commander, \*Dana Wenzell.  
S. V. C., \*William H. Scott. J. V. C., William Watkins.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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Edwin V. Sumner Post 19, Fitchburg.

Commander, \*O. P. Boss.  
S. V. C., \*W. W. Tanner. J. V. C., \*James A. Litchfield.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*George C. Jewett. Isaac M. Woolson.  
*Past Commanders.*  
\*A. Connery. J. A. Hayward.  
S. G. Cushing. \*Albert A. Buxton.  
F. A. Alvord. C. H. Glacier.  
\*J. W. Bride.

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Frederick Hecker Post 21, Boston.

Commander, \*Henry Bornstein.  
S. V. C., \*L. Kirchgassner. J. V. C., Charles Bleiler.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*L. Hindenlang. S. Erlich.

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Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, Milford.

Commander, \*George S. Whitney.  
S. V. C., J. W. Richardson. J. V. C., William Emery.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*Wilfred Chickering. Herbert Parkhurst.

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Joseph Hooker Post 23, East Boston.

Commander, \*Joseph Rossiter.  
S. V. C., \*Asa M. Capen. J. V. C., \*Josiah C. Whitney.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*Joseph A. Wells.

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*Past Commanders.*

Edward Preble. J. Hiram S. Pearson.  
John McNaught.

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A. B. R. Sprague Post 24, Grafton.

Commander, William A. Howe.  
S. V. C., William Sherry. J. V. C., ————  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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**Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26, Roxbury.**

Commander, \*James F. Flynn.

S. V. C., Benjamin Pettee.

J. V. C., \*Alvah D. Snow.

*Representatives.*

\*Harry Isaacs.

\*William M. Neff.

*Alternates.*

John H. Albee.

George F. Moses.

*Past Commanders.*

Jediah P. Jordan.

\*Frank Bell.

Lorenzo B. Dutton.

\*William A. Copeland.

\*Henry A. Thomas.

\*Frank E. Trask.

Wilber F. Wilder.

**Charles Devens Post 27, Oxford.**

Commander, Richard H. Murray.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

Leonard E. Thayer.

*Alternate.*

William H. Buck.

**F. P. H. Rogers Post 29, Waltham.**

Commander, \*Samuel E. Clark.

S. V. C., James Beatty.

J. V. C., \*John A. Gardner.

*Representative.*

\*James E. Brackett.

*Alternate.*

Roscoe A. Williams.

**William H. Smart Post 30, Cambridge.**

Commander, \*William A. Tarbell.

S. V. C., John Jones.

J. V. C., Charles McHugh.

*Representatives.*

\*J. J. Gilman.

J. F. Murray.

*Alternates.*

Charles McHugh.

J. N. Kellogg.

*Past Commanders.*

John Kinnear.

\*A. Otis Chamberlin.

Loreston Brown.

Edwin C. Langley.

**George W. Perry Post 31, Scituate.**

Commander, \*Albert Clapp.

S. V. C., John Towne.

J. V. C., \*Thos. F. Bailey.

*Representative.*

\*Milton G. Litchfield.

*Alternate.*

Geo. S. Bates.

**Washington Post 32, South Boston.**

Commander, John F. Murphy.

S. V. C., John Weigel.

J. V. C., John F. Healey.

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Silas B. Crane.

*Alternate.*

J. W. Ford.

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J. V. C., Richard Carter.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Phil. H. Sheridan Post 34, Salem.**

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S. V. C., Milton Coffin.

J. V. C., \*Edward Stillman.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

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 \*Edward Collins.  
 William Goodrich.

John W. Ray.  
 Isaac Baker.  
 William H. Manning.

*Past Commanders.*

Almon Allard.  
 James Arrington.

John Purbeck.  
 William T. Lander.

**Theodore Winthrop Post 35, Chelsea.**

Commander, \*Samuel P. Cutter.

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J. V. C., \*Chas. S. Witten.

*Representatives.**Alternates.*

\*Doctor May.  
 John Dennis.  
 \*Moses J. Keller.

James A. Yeaton.  
 G. W. R. Putnam.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Jeremiah Norris.  
 \*Albert A. Nickerson.

\*Marcellus A. Purbeck.  
 \*George A. J. Colgan.

**Francis Gould Post 36, Arlington.**

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S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Henry A. Gorham.

Henry Pierce.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry Bradley.  
 Henry Berthong.  
 \*Charles S. Parker.

Eben Pratt.  
 Henry Clark.  
 Benjamin F. Wright.

Alfred H. Knowles.

**F. A. Stearns Post 37, Spencer.**

Commander, \*Robert E. Gibson.

S. V. C., \*Charles P. Barton.

J. V. C., E. I. Bean.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Frank Rhien.

**Dexter Post 38, Brookfield.**

Commander, Charles F. Mullett.

S. V. C., George L. Howe.

J. V. C., Nelson H. Delane.

*Representative.**Alternate.*



**Needham Post 39, Lawrence.**

Commander, \*James Morgan.

S. V. C., \*Patrick Hogan.

J. V. C., Patrick McKone.

*Representatives.*\*Josiah N. Jones.  
Moulton Batchelder.*Alternates.*Jesse D. Brown.  
John Bird.*Past Commanders.*

Charles E. Locke.

\*Henry A. Webster.  
James Stanley.**Gen. H. G. Berry Post 40, Malden.**

Commander, \*George M. Harris.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

\*George H. Leavens.

*Alternate.*

\*Thomas A. Hodgdon.

Roscoe G. Bean.

*Past Commanders.*Tristram Griffin.  
George Prouty.  
Oscar C. Wallace.Charles W. Bennett.  
Alvin G. Brown.  
\*Orrin Stone.**Lyon Post 41, Westfield.**

Commander, Edwin B. Smith.

S. V. C., \*Edward Bourassa.

J. V. C., Charles Waite.

*Representative.*

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*Alternate.*

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**B. F. Butler Post 42, Lowell.**

Commander, \*Arthur McQuade.

S. V. C., \*Nathan G. Lamson.

J. V. C., E. N. Grinnell.

*Representative.*

\*Thomas Crowley.

*Alternate.*

Ralph D. Plumstead.

*Past Commanders.*

Albert Pinder.

\*D. L. Page.

**John A. Rawlins Post 43, Marlborough.**

Commander, \*George H. Brigham.

S. V. C., John Boggs.

J. V. C., Thomas Boggs.

*Representative.*

Laurence Cavanaugh.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*William P. Wood.  
Charles F. Robinson.Lafayette Stickney.  
Frank Bean.

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S. V. C., James McMahan.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

Francis D. Newton.

*Alternate.*

James F. Chickery.

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Commander, \*E. G. Winchester.

S. V. C., \*John F. Bickford.

J. V. C., \*Francis Davis.

*Representative.*

William H. Cross.

*Alternate.*

William D. Lufkin.

*Past Commanders.*

Joseph A. Moore.

\*William H. Marston.

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Commander, \*John Gilbert.

S. V. C., Augustus Bressett.

J. V. C., \*Edward Palmer.

*Representatives.*

\*Edward Hague.

William Morey.

*Alternates.*

Daniel Hathaway.

Patrick Sullivan.

*Past Commanders.*

Joseph Bowers.

\*Richard Fleet.

**Major How Post 47, Haverhill.**

Commander, \*Smith W. Lucas.

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J. V. C., Augustus G. Morrison.

*Representatives.*

\*LeRoy A. Holbrook.

Asa D. Nichols.

\*Herman F. Morse.

*Alternates.*

Wm. M. Dresser.

James R. Gray.

Chas. O. Kelly.

*Past Commanders.*

D. W. Hammond.

Martin L. Stover.

\*E. G. Frothingham.

Edward B. Savage.

\*O. S. Hubbard.

John A. Hurn.

Geo. W. Heath.

Warren F. Pinkham.

\*Henry A. Hitchcock.

Arthur N. Batchelder.

**George L. Boutwell Post 48, Ayer.**

Commander, \*John S. Preston.

S. V. C., Henry Leavitt.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Oliver Balcom.

H. S. Clark.

\*E. D. Martell.

C. D. Perry.

H. C. Sherwin.

J. Everett Woods.



Commander, \*Orlando F. Hatch.  
S. V. C., Patrick F. Donahue. J. V. C., David C. Morrill.

*Representatives.*  
\*William E. Carlton.  
William G. Bowen.  
\*Benj. C. Welch.

*Alternates.*  
Amos M. Little.  
John M. Pondon.  
Charles H. Lewis.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Chas. S. Noyes.  
Wm. C. Cusick.  
Thos. W. Cogger.  
\*J. C. Richardson.  
\*James L. Bryant.

Chas. A. Grant.  
\*Hiram T. Balch.  
William O'Brien.  
\*Samuel Brookings.  
\*Jere W. Porter.

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**Union Post 50, Peabody.**

Commander, Edward Q. Moulton.  
S. V. C., Frank Larrabee. J. V. C., Levi C. Hutchinson.

*Representative.*  
\*Peter H. Brown.

*Alternate.*  
Richard E. Smith.

*Past Commander.*  
\*William H. Hildreth.

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**Ezra Batcheller Post 51, North Brookfield.**

Commander, George W. Bruce.  
S. V. C., Albert H. Foster. J. V. C., Alphonso Woodcock.

*Representative.*  
Alex. Moreau.

*Alternate.*  
Alden J. Gilbert.

*Past Commander.*  
Sumner Holmes.

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**A. B. Randall Post 52, Eastondale.**

Commander, Nathaniel W. Slocum.  
S. V. C., A. J. Leavitt. J. V. C., Berlin J. White.

*Representative.*  
William McDonald.

*Alternate.*  
Irving B. Mowry.

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**Charles H. Stevens Post 53, Leominster.**

Commander, Thomas J. Ames.  
S. V. C., Frank Bourne. J. V. C., Chas. Prew.

*Representatives.*  
Alvin Holman.  
\*Chas. F. Staples.

*Alternates.*  
Amos Babcock.  
D. W. Burchstead.

*Past Commanders.*

H. C. Conant.  
H. N. Spring.  
\*C. S. Houghton.

\*O. J. Putnam.  
\*Alvah Heald.  
\*Chas. G. Putney.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Charles Beck Post 56, Cambridge.**

Commander, \*Francis J. O'Reilly.

S. V. C., \*Theodore P. Prentice.

J. V. C., \*James L. Ireland.

*Representative.*

George J. Jeffrey.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commanders.*

\*O. S. Brown.

\*H. Farrington.

\*G. McGinness.

C. Kellogg.

Geo. Rouillard.

Bartholomew Kelleher.

**Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth.**

Commander, Francis A. Bicknell.

S. V. C., Michael McGrath.

J. V. C., \*Geo. S. Hunt.

*Representatives.*

\*Charles W. Howe.

\*Rufus Turpel.

*Alternates.*

Patrick Slattery.

William Litchfield.

*Past Commanders.*

William A. Drake.

\*Joseph P. Ford.

\*Waldo Turner.

\*David Dunbar.

James T. Pease.

\*Andrew Culley.

William E. Mitchell.

\*Bradford Hawes.

Charles E. Bicknell.

**Franklin Post 60, Franklin.**

Commander, \*Anthony Connors.

S. V. C., A. J. Newell.

J. V. C., C. O. Green.

*Representative.*

Charles P. Bram.

*Alternate.*

Daniel C. Brown.

*Past Commanders.*

\*D. W. Carson.

\*J. C. McWilliams.

\*Rupert J. Chute.

**Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster.**

Commander, W. N. Leavens.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., — — —

*Representative.*

H. C. Phillips.

*Alternate.*

Christian Holly.

*Past Commanders.*

L. E. Patterson.

E. B. Wakefield.

**Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville.**

Commander, \*Leonard Boyd.

S. V. C., \*Thomas W. Shapleigh.

J. V. C., Gould Manter.

*Representatives.*

William H. Abbott.

\*William M. Mick.

*Alternate.*

Otis W. Gray.

*Past Commanders.*

\*J. Coolidge Coffin.

Geo. H. Osborne.

C. S. Ober.

\*John Flood.

\*Geo. W. Fiske.

W. D. Tripp.

C. W. Sweetland.



S. V. C., \*A. C. Ambler. Commander, \*R. J. Fox. J. V. C., \*Daniel Green.  
*Representatives.* *Alternates.*  
\*John L. Robinson. Thomas W. Frost.  
\*E. L. Taylor.

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**E. D. Baker Post 64, Clinton.**

S. V. C., O. L. Martin. Commander, G. S. Gibson. J. V. C., Rodney A. Parmenter.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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**S. C. Lawrence Post 66, Medford.**

S. V. C., Edgar A. Hall. Commander, \*Charles O. Burbank. J. V. C., Benj. P. Lewis.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*Thomas Kelley. Joseph A. Chapin.  
*Past Commanders.*  
\*Albert Patch. \*George L. Stokel.

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**Allen Post 67, Manchester.**

S. V. C., ——— Commander, Charles H. Stone. J. V. C., ———  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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**Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester.**

S. V. C., J. Henry Blanchard. Commander, \*Wallace Kenney. J. V. C., \*Rodney W. Greenleaf.  
*Representatives.* *Alternates.*  
\*A. C. W. Laws. Frank M. Murphy.  
\*Simon F. Curran.  
*Past Commanders.*  
\*Walter E. Swan. \*William H. Dupree.  
\*William H. Haddock. \*Jerome J. Pratt.  
\*George H. Rexford. \*A. A. Chittendon.  
Charles D. Marcy. \*Geo. F. Wellington.

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**Joseph P. Rice Post 69, Westminster.**

S. V. C., Edward Sharon. Commander, Alonzo D. Wheeler. J. V. C., Jesse F. Coombs.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
*Past Commander.*  
Hobart Raymond.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**George A. Custer Post 70, Millbury.**

Commander, \*Henry A. White.

S. V. C., Henry W. Davidson. J. V. C., \*Ambrose Rice.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*Simeon E. King. H. W. Davidson.

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**Kilpatrick Post 71, Holyoke.**

Commander, \*William H. Abbott.

S. V. C., Robert B. Corbett. J. V. C., James Gage.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*Robert T. Prentiss. William Brown.

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**A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton.**

Commander, \*James McElroy.

S. V. C., \*Charles A. Miles. J. V. C., William T. Lawless.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*Myron Rounds. Herman Randall.

*Past Commanders.*

George W. Dutton. George W. Pratt.

Eugene V. Tyler.

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**McPherson Post 73, Abington.**

Commander, \*John F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Henry T. Rochefort. J. V. C., \*Harry Edson.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*James B. Johnson. Isaac K. Holmes.

*Past Commanders.*

C. W. Howland. Alvah F. Hunter.

Calvin F. Baker. \*Wm. H. Nash.

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**Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland.**

Commander, William R. Groce.

S. V. C., \*D. C. Witherell. J. V. C., W. H. Cate.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*Charles W. Smith. Henry A. Baker.

*Past Commanders.*

William H. Bates. Lewis Reed.

\*J. S. Gray. Jason B. Hersey.

J. H. Harper. \*S. M. Watts.

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**J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham.**

Commander, \*James O'Laughlin.

S. V. C., \*P. H. Horne. J. V. C., R. F. Davis.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

\*J. C. Hadley. A. C. Souther.

*Past Commanders.*

R. K. Brown. \*S. A. Lawrence.

John S. Gilmore. George W. Newhall.

S. C. Trull. Geo. F. Jewett.

Commander, Willie R. Butters.

S. V. C., Seth Holmes.

J. V. C., Harry Costa.

*Representative.*  
George Burgess.

*Alternate.*  
Samuel Holmes.

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**Theron P. Hall Post 77, Holden.**

Commander, C. E. Farrar.

S. V. C., A. D. Bascom.

J. V. C., J. H. Alden.

*Representative.*  
\*G. S. Graham.

*Alternate.*

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**David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman.**

Commander, \*Bela Alden.

S. V. C., \*John Lane.

J. V. C., \*Lucius Cook.

*Representatives.*  
\*Shepard F. Eaton.  
Henry W. Reed.

*Alternates.*  
Alfred Courtenay.  
Henry C. Adams.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Obed H. Ellis.  
Quincy A. Merritt.

\*Elmer E. Copeland.  
\*Charles H. Mason.

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**Charles D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams.**

Commander, \*Alfred A. Lee.

S. V. C., G. J. Montgomery.

J. V. C., Jeremiah H. Hurlbut.

*Representative.*  
\*Horace A. Loomis.

*Alternate.*  
John H. Towle.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Chas. H. Arnum.  
Martin Curley.

\*Alex. W. Fulton.  
Henry A. Tower.  
Addison E. Canfield.

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**Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough.**

Commander, \*John W. Fairbanks.

S. V. C., Harris C. Warren.

J. V. C., Forrest R. Kingsbury.

*Representative.*  
Almon H. Putnam.

*Alternate.*  
Michael Crowe.

*Past Commander.*  
Melvin H. Walker.

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**Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown.**

Commander, Alvin F. Tolman.

S. V. C., \*Chas. F. Sherman.

J. V. C., Nelson Hill.

*Representative.*  
\*Ozra M. Whittier.

*Alternate.*  
Michael Hughes.



FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead.**

Commander, \*Eli V. Hunt.

S. V. C., Samuel Snow.

J. V. C., \*Benj. W. R. Chase.

*Representatives.*

\*William S. Rounds.  
 John E. Hammond.

*Alternates.*

John I. Tucker.  
 Joseph Wormstead.

*Past Commanders.*

Stewart F. McClean.

Winfield S. Caswell.

Albert F. Morris.

**J. E. Wilder Post 83, Hanover.**

Commander, \*George M. Curtis.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**J. W. Lawton Post 85, Ware.**

Commander, \*A. H. Richardson.

S. V. C., \*Charles H. Rood.

J. V. C., Frank King.

*Representative.*

\*Henry M. Hitchcock.

*Alternate.*

Charles Hannum.

**W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton.**

Commander, \*William R. Bardwell.

S. V. C., \*Edward E. Graves.

J. V. C., Hugh Fitzgerald.

*Representatives.*

\*Alphonso Witherell.  
 William Bliss.

*Alternates.*

Charles K. Martin.  
 \*Seth W. Kingsley.

*Past Commanders.*

John P. Thompson.

\*N. W. Farrar.

**Gen. S. Thayer Post 87, South Braintree.**

Commander, William L. Gage.

S. V. C., William J. Terrill.

J. V. C., Edward A. Fisher.

*Representative.*

Henry Collins.

*Alternate.*

Benj. F. Spear.

*Past Commanders.*

Henry A. Monk.

\*Edwin L. Curtis.

\*Edward O. Peirson.

**Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy.**

Commander, John D. Williams.

S. V. C., Chas. P. Costar.

J. V. C., Stephen Otis.

*Representative.*

\*Charles A. Brown.

*Alternate.*

Gresham B. Thomas.

*Past Commanders.*

George L. Phillips.

\*James H. Webb.

**J. H. Chapman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly.**

Commander, \*William H. Morgan.

S. V. C., William F. Beckford.

J. V. C., \*John Crampsey.

*Representatives.*\*William F. Warren.  
Geo. F. Goldthwait.*Alternates.*Chas. H. Jacobs.  
Arthur Jordan.*Past Commanders.*\*John E. Foster.  
John Hanners.  
\*John W. McKnight.James A. Wright.  
\*Thomas F. Whiting.  
Thomas H. Dunham.

Alfred B. Fowler.

**Ward Post 90, Danvers.**

Commander, \*Alonzo A. Rackliff.

S. V. C., Charles E. Tibbetts.

J. V. C., Dennison Spaulding.

*Representative.*

Frederick Collins.

*Alternate.*

William Collins.

*Past Commanders.*Henry M. Comey.  
Henry H. Potter.  
J. Albert Blake.Joseph Bushby.  
\*Elbridge Small.  
\*Isaac E. Frye.**E. R. Carpenter Post 91, Foxborough.**

Commander, \*Thomas B. Bourne.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., Henry C. Williams.

*Representative.*

George H. Sands.

*Alternate.*

George Fernald.

**Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton.**

Commander, \*John Welch.

S. V. C., \*Ellis W. Knowlton.

J. V. C., Chas. M. Hathaway.

*Representative.*

\*Thomas E. McNamara.

*Alternate.*

John J. Reardon.

*Past Commanders.*A. B. Collier.  
J. F. Chickey.\*J. H. Haskell.  
Paul Lounsbury.

E. Frank Stearnes.

**Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls.**

Commander, E. F. Gillett.

S. V. C., G. A. Jones.

J. V. C., J. E. Austin.

*Representative.*

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*Alternate.*

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**Revere Post 94, Canton.**

Commander, Richmond L. Weston.

S. V. C., Theron M. Kelly.

J. V. C., James Ryan.

*Representative.*

Wilber D. Ryerson.

*Alternate.*

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FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Gen. E. W. Hincks Post 95, Saugus.**

Commander, \*Aug. H. Sutherland.

S. V. C., \*Joseph Newhall.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

\*George W. Caswell.

*Alternate.*

George W. Gale.

**Gen. W. P. Bartlett Post 99, Andover.**

Commander, \*Henry L. Clukey.

S. V. C., John Cummings.

J. V. C., James Saunders.

*Representative.*

John H. Steward.

*Alternate.*

John B. A. Russell.

**Charles Sumner Post 101, Groveland.**

Commander Charles J. Shute.

S. V. C., Eugene C. Brown.

J. V. C., George T. Anderson.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**Huntington F. Wolcott Post 102, Milton.**

Commander, \*Nathaniel S. Barry.

S. V. C.\* A. F. Emery.

J. V. C., Alex. Hobbs.

*Representative.*

Horace N. Plummer.

*Alternate.*

Augustus F. Emery.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Joseph F. Farrell.

\*J. E. Blake.

**Edwin Humphrey Post 104, Hingham.**

Commander, Ezra Wilder.

S. V. C., \*John H. Stoddard.

J. V. C., Jerry G. O'Hara.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**J. Orson Fisk Post 105, Upton.**

Commander, \*George R. Pierce.

S. V. C., George W. Pierce.

J. V. C., \*Aaron Jackson.

*Representative.*

Willard Wood.

*Alternate.*

**Otis W. Wallace Post 106, Rockport.**

Commander, Joseph M. Reed.

S. V. C., Andrew Lane.

J. V. C., Eben Pickering.

*Representative.*

Charles B. Morse.

*Alternate.*



S. V. C., \_\_\_\_\_ Commander, C. E. Tyler. J. V. C., \_\_\_\_\_  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
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**Ericsson Post 109, East Templeton.**

S. V. C., Samuel Richardson. J. V. C., Frank Cleveland.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*Charles F. Tenney. \_\_\_\_\_

*Past Commanders.*  
M. B. Grimes. Dwight C. Cleveland.  
Charles W. Nichols.

**Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph.**

S. V. C., \*F. Taylor. J. V. C., L. A. Faunce.  
Commander, \*Hiram S. Faunce.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*P. Kiley. J. M. Jones.

*Past Commanders.*  
W. A. Crook. \*David Pope.  
R. I. Jones.

**Joseph E. Simmons Post 111, Pembroke.**

S. V. C., Charles H. Poole. J. V. C., John C. Davis.  
Commander, Benj. F. Toppan.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
Francis Crafts. \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell.**

S. V. C., Frank Alger. J. V. C., Benj. W. French.  
Commander, \*Alfred B. Litchfield.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Past Commanders.*  
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**Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, Boston.**

S. V. C., \*George W. States. J. V. C., Charles W. Reid.  
Commander, \*Oliver P. Ricker.  
*Representatives.* *Alternates.*  
Edward F. Hamlin. James R. Gerrish.  
\*Chas. L. Ridgway. Manning Emery.  
*Past Commander.*  
Albion P. Pease.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Col. G. R. Mudge Post 114, Merrimac.**

Commander, L. B. Blaisdell. J. V. C., \*E. A. Bly.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 B. C. Flanders. ——— ———

**E. S. Clark Post 115, Groton.**

Commander, Chas. H. Berry. J. V. C., John Condon.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 Thomas Gilson. ——— ———

**D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner.**

Commander, \*Amos E. Eaton. J. V. C., \*William W. Caswell.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 Henry Hadley. Fred Richardson.

*Past Commanders.*  
 \*Roswell C. Powers. Edward P. Brown.  
 John D. Edgell.

**Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield.**

Commander, \*E. C. Crocker. J. V. C., \*George E. Pettis.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 J. Warren Clark. ——— ———

**Gen. James Bates Post 118, Swampscott.**

Commander, \*Peleg Gardner. J. V. C., \*Geo. Lorillard.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 \*H. Weston Wyman. Theo. S. Wilkins.

*Past Commander.*  
 Horace W. Wardwell.

**George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington.**

Commander, \*William B. Foster. J. V. C., Everett S. Locke.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
 George B. Dennett. ——— ———

*Past Commanders.*  
 George D. Harrington. George N. Gurney.

**James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell.**

Commander, \*Geo. B. Barnett.

S. V. C., \*Geo. E. Cloyston.

J. V. C., Geo. Conway.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Chas. W. Nevins.

Geo. W. Hunt.

Chas. H. Stickney.

Frank B. Flanders.

George H. Nutting.

**Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park.**

Commander, \*Richard F. Boynton.

S. V. C., \*Robert L. Frampton.

J. V. C., William T. King.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*William A. Gray.

Henry B. Terry.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Henry S. Bunton.

James S. Mitchell.

\*Geo. L. Eldridge.

\*Geo. E. W. Ide.

Walter C. Bryant.

James F. Shapleigh.

\*Edwin J. Chandler.

\*John H. Kazar.

**E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury.**

Commander, \*Frank N. Bailey.

S. V. C., \*Chas. A. Moore.

J. V. C., Wm. H. Currier.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Samuel True.

Geo. E. Batchelder.

*Past Commanders.*

M. M. Dennett.

Geo. W. Marden.

D. J. Marston.

**Parker Post 123, Athol.**

Commander, \*Lyman B. Hastings.

S. V. C., Francis R. Thomas.

J. V. C., Chester Dickenson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*J. C. Amidon.

**W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield.**

Commander, Edward C. Reagan.

S. V. C., Edwin Shumway.

J. V. C., Paul F. Bonett.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Forman E. Sawin.

Willis A. Crossman.

*Past Commanders.*

Francis A. Ireland.

Samuel L. Ceasar.



**T. L. Bonney Post 127, Hanson.**

Commander, \*John Scates.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Joseph W. Clemmons.

**Gen. J. Appleton Post 128, Ipswich.**

Commander, Chas. W. Bamford.

S. V. C., James H. Hull.

J. V. C., \*John W. Russell.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Alonzo Butler.

William A. Chaplin.

*Past Commanders.*

Philip A. Clarke.

Albert N. Nichols.

**James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway.**

Commander, Elmer L. Videtto.

S. V. C., D. W. Riordan.

J. V. C., Geo. H. Scott.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*J. C. Hitchcock.

E. J. Riggs.

**Charles Chipman Post 132, Sandwich.**

Commander, \* J. Frank Giles.

S. V. C., S. W. Hunt.

J. V. C., Nathaniel Bearse.

*Representative.**Alternate.***George H. Maintien Post 133, Plainville.**

Commander, \*Granville Morse.

S. V. C., Casper Hartman.

J. V. C., \*Allen Dart.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Charles Card.

Amos Anderson.

*Past Commander.*

H. Eugene Coombs.

**Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston.**

Commander, \*Edward A. Ditmus.

S. V. C., \*Samuel W. Washington.

J. V. C., \*Amos Johnson.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*Isaiah Clayton.

William H. Jackson.

*Past Commanders.*

\*Isaac S. Mullen.

\*E. George Biddle.

\*Thomas Young.

Commander, Homer W. Loring.

S. V. C., Peter Gamache.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton.**

Commander, \*George W. Towne.

S. V. C., Alonzo Joy.

J. V. C., \*Isaac Ford.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

**Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Somerville.**

Commander, \*George M. Houghton.

S. V. C., \*M. Fitzpatrick.

J. V. C., \*Amasa E. Googins.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

\*John S. Frost.

Robert K. Jones.

\*Edward P. Swift.

Patrick F. Mahoney.

*Past Commanders.*

\*John H. Dusseault.

\*George H. Goss.

Thos. J. Buffum.

\*Thomas F. Smith.

John M. Woods.

William W. Fish.

\*Walter Winward.

Dennis M. Dailey.

George H. Clapp.

Charles E. Stone.

Charles O. Pratt.

**H. V. Smith Post 140, Athol.**

Commander, Chas. V. Goddard.

S. V. C., George McRea.

J. V. C., F. H. Blackmer.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

A. L. Gilson.

E. J. Faulkner.

*Past Commander.*

P. F. Nims.

**C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline.**

Commander, \*William B. Webber.

S. V. C., Castelly O. Norcross.

J. V. C., \*Prince A. Phinney.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

\*Theodore E. Clark.

Arthur C. Engle.

*Past Commanders.*

Philip A. Nordell.

Augustus S. Lovell.

Henry K. Gould.

**Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham.**

Commander, \*John E. Bronson.

S. V. C., Patrick S. O'Leary.

J. V. C., \*Richard H. Lincoln.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

\*John H. Nichols.

Weston F. Hutchins.

**FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**  
**William A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro.**

Commander, \*John W. Bean.

S. V. C., Charles D. Kinney.

J. V. C., \*John Dorr.

*Representative.*  
 Nicholas Nerney.

*Alternate.*  
 H. A. Butterworth.

*Past Commanders.*

\*E. W. Rhodes.  
 Geo. A. Adams.

Cyrus Getchell.  
 \*W. B. Aldrich.

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**General Lawton Post 146, Lawrence.**

Commander, \*John A. Brackett.

S. V. C., Thos. M. Cogswell.

J. V. C., \* Stephen B. Miller.

*Representative.*  
 \*Justin A. Bridges.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

Theophilus Coupe.  
 A. L. Tappan.

\*Wm. L. Hobbs.  
 \*O. J. Randlett.

A. C. Bradford.

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**E. M. Stanton Post 147, Amherst.**

Commander, O. W. Prouty.

S. V. C., Joel D. Kenney.

J. V. C., S. Parsons Cook.

*Representative.*  
 Charles S. Walker.

*Alternate.*  
 M. M. Morrison.

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**A. D. Weld Post 148, Winchester.**

Commander, ———.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*  
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*Alternate.*  
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**Maj. G. L. Stearns Post 149, Charlestown.**

Commander, \*Patrick H. Driscoll.

S. V. C., Joseph J. Hayes.

J. V. C., Patrick Leahy.

*Representative.*  
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*Alternate.*  
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**Major Boyd Post 151, West Newbury.**

Commander, John A. Bradley.

S. V. C., John Preble.

J. V. C., Henry D. Lay.

*Representative.*  
 Lewis F. Morrill.

*Alternate.*  
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S. V. C., ——— Commander, Albert Andrews. J. V. C., ———  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
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**Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchendon.**

S. V. C., J. L. Stevens. Commander, Gustavus W. Jones. J. V. C., ———  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
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*Past Commanders.*

H. F. Partridge. P. F. Brabston.

**Martha Sever Post 154, Kingston.**

S. V. C., George H. Bonney. Commander, \*A. E. Lincoln. J. V. C., ———  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
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**James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett.**

S. V. C., \*Wm. N. Buckminster. Commander, Edwin F. Morrill. J. V. C., \*John L. Nicholson.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
John Deguis. S. O. Anthony.

*Past Commanders.*

Wellington Towle. \*George A. Parsons.  
\*William H. Cate. \*Henri Batchelder.  
Freeman A. Langley.

**E. B. Piper Post 157, Walpole.**

S. V. C., ——— Commander, Fred A. Hartshorn. J. V. C., ———  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
Joshua Allen. Nathan W. Fisher.

**John A. Hawes Post 159, East Boston.**

S. V. C., Robert Young. Commander, Stephen D. Snow. J. V. C., William C. Hardy.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
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*Past Commanders.*

\*William E. Estee. \*James F. Ward.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Alan Hamilton Post 160, West Brookfield.**

Commander, George H. Allen.

S. V. C., Samuel G. Irish.

J. V. C., James Mundell.

*Representative.*

William H. Claflin.

*Alternate.*

Charles H. Wright.

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**Woburn Post 161, Woburn.**

Commander, \*Edwin F. Wyer.

S. V. C., \*Benjamin F. Smith.

J. V. C., \*Austin G. French.

*Representative.*

\*Charles F. Young.

*Alternate.*

W. F. Cook.

*Past Commander.*

\*Clarence Littlefield.

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**Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, Framingham.**

Commander, \*William F. Brown.

S. V. C., William H. Burke.

J. V. C., Ira L. Dunaven.

*Representative.*

\*Thomas A. Knowlton.

*Alternate.*

Adrial Farnsworth.

*Past Commanders.*

\*William R. Reed.

\*Samuel O. Staples.

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**F. A. Clary Post 164, Conway.**

Commander, George A. Hassell.

S. V. C., Adelbert Bailey.

J. V. C., Ira N. Hitchcock.

*Representative.*

Ormanzo Payne.

*Alternate.*

James Coughlin.

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**Wm. Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury.**

Commander, John W. Tower.

S. V. C., John W. Alden.

J. V. C., George H. Bailey.

*Representative.*

James Downey.

*Alternate.*

*Past Commanders.*

James K. Burgess.

John W. Alden.

A. M. Goulding.

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**Rouse R. Clark Post 167, Whitinsville.**

Commander, Sidney L. Colby.

S. V. C., W. H. Aldrich.

J. V. C., James Crichton.

*Representative.*

Frank A. Cross.

*Alternate.*

**M. Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge.**

Commander, George W. Corey.

S. V. C., Norval Newell.

J. V. C., Baldwin J. Vinton.

*Representative.*

F. C. Merritt.

*Alternate.*

Thomas O'Hara.

**George R. Bird Post 169, Norwood.**

Commander, George W. Nead.

S. V. C., \*William Foreman.

J. V. C., \*J. E. May.

*Representative.*

\*J. H. Partridge.

*Alternate.*

Charles Shackley.

**John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield.**

Commander, \*Leander Wentworth.

S. V. C., John Lyman.

J. V. C., \*Uriah Hoyett.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Henry C. Blossom.

\*Louis A. Lauriat.

George A. Fiske.

\*Moses L. Green.

\*Henry C. Hamilton.

\*Alfred A. Briggs.

\*V. Frank Grover.

\*John Hannifen.

**Henry H. Johnson Post 171, Northfield.**

Commander, \*J. R. Hamilton.

S. V. C., Isaac L. Thomas.

J. V. C., Henry H. Morse.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

A. W. Wheeler.

**J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge.**

Commander, \*E. H. Davenport.

S. V. C., William L. Allen.

J. V. C., Melvin Booth.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

J. J. Shepard.

Louis St. John.

**Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield.**

Commander, James A. Horton.

S. V. C., Allen Newton.

J. V. C., Richard O'Hara.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

\*John R. Sears.

M. L. Corbett.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Gen. H. C. Lee Post 176, Huntington.**

Commander, H. E. Stanton.

S. V. C., A. D. Fuller.

J. V. C., Dwight Prentice.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Leroy Warfield.

H. M. Ripley.

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**Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre.**

Commander, Benj. F. Brooks.

S. V. C., Thos. W. Walcott.

J. V. C., Albert P. Clark.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

John K. Collins.

Lucius Spooner.

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**Old Concord Post 180, Concord.**

Commander, \*George F. Wheeler.

S. V. C., Andrew R. Maker.

J. V. C., Lewis H. George.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Henry C. Cunningham.

William H. Hunt.

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**Galen Orr Post 181, Needham.**

Commander, Lyman Wilcox.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Solomon W. Hutchinson.

William Bell.

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**C. M. Wheaton Post 182, Somerset.**

Commander, Amos C. Padelford.

S. V. C., Geo. O. Buffington.

J. V. C., Thos. A. Francis.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

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**Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell.**

Commander, \*Franklin S. Pevey.

S. V. C., \*Albert I. Gilman.

J. V. C., George E. Bryant.

*Representatives.*

*Alternates.*

Chas. M. Bixby.

William A. Arnold.

\*Albert J. Bixby.

Charles E. Chase.

*Past Commanders.*

Albert A. Davis.

Marcus L. Cowdery.

George L. Adams.

Coburn S. Smith.

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**Preston Post 188, Beverly Farms.**

Commander, Benj. F. Osborn.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Timothy Higgins.

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Commander, James L. Roger.  
S. V. C., Warren F. White. J. V. C., Trueman H. Snow.  
*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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**R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford.**

Commander, Thomas C. Robbins.  
S. V. C., Chas. E. Pierce. J. V. C., Frank E. Brown.

*Representatives.* *Alternates.*  
William B. Hinkley. Benj. F. Barnes.  
William S. Caswell. Wm. J. Barrows.  
Oscar R. Goodwin.  
*Past Commanders.*  
James W. Hervey. Henry W. Mason.  
George N. Alden. John V. Spare.  
Otis B. Phinney.

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**Gettysburg Post 191, Boston.**

Commander, Edward A. Hammond.  
S. V. C., Sumner T. Bradbury. J. V. C., \*Wm. J. Anderson.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*William H. Hall. William H. Cook.  
*Past Commanders.*  
\*William J. Hargraves. George W. Moore.

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**P. M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough.**

Commander, Stephen Stanley.  
S. V. C., Charles W. H. Day. J. V. C., Patrick Kivlin.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*

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**C. M. Packard Post 193, Avon.**

Commander, Ira McLaughlin.  
S. V. C., M. Hunt. J. V. C., \*S. Minot Crane.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*S. Frank Oliver.

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**Veteran Post 194, Reading.**

Commander, \*Walter S. Parker.  
S. V. C., \*John Bacheller. J. V. C., \*John H. Simpson.

*Representative.* *Alternate.*  
\*William H. Brooks. Harland P. Pratt.

*Past Commanders.*

George A. Sargent. \*Wm. C. M. Howe.  
\*Ernest A. Clapp. Ziba M. Saunders.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
**Thomas A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell.**

Commander, \*Otis A. Merrill.

S. V. C., Henry P. Humes.

J. V. C., Albert A. Pelton.

*Representative.*

\*George A. Gay.

*Alternate.*

M. Luther Boynton.

*Past Commander.*

George G. Tarbell.

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**G. D. Anderson Post 196, Great Barrington.**

Commander, Herbert C. Joyner.

S. V. C., Charles E. Benway.

J. V. C., Harvey Strebelle.

*Representative.*

Lewis Moesley.

*Alternate.*

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**Berkshire Post 197, Pittsfield.**

Commander, Alfred L. Marshall.

S. V. C., William F. Hunt.

J. V. C., F. W. Kinsley.

*Representative.*

\*Edwin H. Lincoln.

*Alternate.*

J. S. Moore.

*Past Commanders.*

James F. Thurston.

\*Charles E. Johnson.

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**W. S. Eaton Post 199, Revere.**

Commander, Horace F. Forbush.

S. V. C., \*William H. Blauvelt.

J. V. C., John Maker.

*Representative.*

Lewis H. Bullard.

*Alternate.*

James W. Miskelly.

*Past Commander.*

Julius A. Herrman.

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**Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain.**

Commander, \*Chas. A. S. Troup.

S. V. C., Stillman D. Bond.

J. V. C., \*John Shattuck.

*Representative.*

Francis A. Chase.

*Alternate.*

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*Past Commander.*

\*George W. Green.

Commander, \*John J. Ryder.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Morse.

J. V. C., M. V. B. Cahoon.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

Sylvester O. Phinney.

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**Theo. Parkman Post 204, Centerville.**

Commander, \*Thomas H. Soule, Jr.

S. V. C., Edward W. Childs.

J. V. C., Clarence F. Baker.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

George W. Ryder.

Marcus M. Haskell.

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**Thos. Gardner Post 207, Nantucket.**

Commander, Josiah F. Murphey.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

E. Frank Pearce.

Alfred Ray.

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**Gen. W. T. Sherman Post 208, Wareham.**

Commander, James A. Harlow.

S. V. C., Daniel E. Swift.

J. V. C., Henry O. Windsor.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

John Campbell.

*Past Commanders.*

Cornelius Hagerty.

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**E. P. Hopkins Post 209, Williamstown.**

Commander, William R. Stocking.

S. V. C., Henry Norboy.

J. V. C., J. D. Pattison.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

\*Harrison White.

M. N. Watkins.

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**A. C. Monroe Post 212, East Bridgewater.**

Commander, Charles E. Allen.

S. V. C., Edmund Howard.

J. V. C., George Bagnell.

*Representative.*

*Alternate.*

[For further proceedings see page 77.]

## ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BENJAMIN A. HAM

COMRADES: — The heartfelt cheer with which you greeted me one year ago and the pleasant faces and kindly eyes that I saw before me will ever linger a delightful memory as long as I shall live. As we meet once more in the Annual Encampment of 1925, we should with thankful hearts look to Him, the Giver of all good, for His love and care of us during the past year, and with the hope that we may all some day meet in the Paradise of God.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Grand Army of the Republic is fast fading away. Nine Posts have surrendered their Charters. Eleven are under 3 members; 14 from 4 to 5; 46, 6 to 10; 26, 11 to 15; 21, 16 to 20; 16, 21 to 25; 8, 26 to 30; 12, 31 to 45; 9, 41 to 50; 3, 51 to 75; 1 Post 82; Two Posts, Worcester and Lynn, have over 100. There were about 3,000 in the Department April 1, and less than one-half of those are able to attend the Post meetings. Still we believe that "Somewhere in the Shadows standeth God keeping watch above His own."

## FINANCES.

For full information of our financial condition, we would refer you to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General. We believe our finances are in such condition that with the help we shall receive from our Auxiliary Organizations, we can recommend that the fare of the delegates to the National Encampment at Grand Rapids be paid from the Department Funds.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Dear to our hearts are the memories of those we have loved and lost a while. We rejoice that our sons, daughters, bodies of the G. A. R., bodies of the Woman's Relief Corps, and all other auxiliary organizations show by their devout and reverent spirit that they hold sacred that day dedicated to the memory of those who laid down their lives on land and sea, and all of those who have passed through the Gates of Paradise.

"We know not where His Islands lift  
Their waving palms in air,  
But this we know, we cannot drift  
Beyond God's love and care."

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

We have many durable blessings to record this past year. Among them, the splendid support given us by our splendid Executive, Channing Cox, who did all in his power for the comfort of the Comrades during the Encampment. The gratitude of every Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic should be given in full measure to the Hon. James M. Curley for his service as Chairman of the Committee who planned the various entertainments for our visiting Comrades and added a whole chapter to the success of our Encampment. The executive ability of our Son of Veteran, Fred Bolton, Chairman of the Executive Committee, smoothed out all wrinkles and kept every movement in the right direction.

Our Chief of Staff, George A. Hosley, P. C. George W. Pratt, P. C. Henry Clark, and the efficient Secretary of the Committee, P. C. Wilfred A. Wetherbee, by their counsel and advice added much to the success of the events planned. To you my comrades accept my sincere thanks for the splendid showing you made in the parade. By the reception we received from the thousands on the Grand Stand and lining the sidewalk, we know that the soldier that fought in the Civil War still retains a warm place in the hearts of the people of the Commonwealth.

## SOLDIERS' HOME, CHELSEA.

The Soldiers' Home in Chelsea is still holding out its arms of welcome to any who desire to go to its sheltering folds, and under the loving service of Commander



Charles W. Parker, the home is conducted so as to give as much happiness as is humanly possible. We mark with regret the death of Past Commandant Richard R. Foster, a faithful and beloved servant.

#### GOV. JOHN A. ANDREW HOME.

There are those in this life that never receive the full reward for their services. Such a one is the President of the Gov. John A. Andrew Home, Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth who has given of her patience and strength in full measure to those aged Comrades and Widows who have been in her care. We believe the Home is every way worthy of the fostering care of the Grand Army of the Republic and the public.

#### OUR ARMY NURSES.

Of the army nurses organized in 1896 with eighty-four members, eight only remain. How well we remember those nurses when they smoothed the pillow or bathed the fevered brow of the sick or wounded comrade. God bless them in the closing years of their lives.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

We hope they will continue an organization long after the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to exist. We hope the 15,000 earnest patriotic women in this state will continue their good work teaching what the G. A. R. has ever stood for: Honor and purity in public affairs, love for our Flag, and for each other, and loyalty to their God and Country.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Helpful and noble women with membership of those that are our blood relation to the soldiers of the Civil War, they have acted well their part and are loved and honored by the comrades of the G. A. R.

#### DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

The time is coming and now is with many of you when a daughter of a veteran will consider it one of the proudest events of her life when the badge of the Daughters of Veterans is pinned on her breast. We of the G. A. R. know your kind care for us while we live and believe you will cherish our memory when we have passed away.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

The natural heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic have all given us willing service for many years. As the mantle of Elijah fell on Elisha, so may the mantle of the Grand Army of the Republic fall on the Sons of Veterans and inspire them to work for God and home and native land.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Our hope for the future is with the young. The Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans is doing splendid work both for the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. Long may it continue as an organization, to the end that it may carry on the work it has so nobly done since it was organized.

#### SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Their tents resound with the same echo that sounded in our Posts thirty years ago, and we rejoice to see that they who made a new epoch in American History are now serving their country as citizens as they once did as soldiers.

#### THE AMERICAN LEGION AND WORLD WAR VETERANS.

While giving your services in France, you taught the nations of Europe that you were not too proud to fight and fight hard when a tyrannical king threatened the freedom of mankind, and we have every assurance that our country is free

from danger of invasion while you are on guard and that you will combat that damnable false propaganda that is spread among the students in some of our colleges and the boys in our schools pledging them not to enter the army or fight for their country although our flag is trailed in the dust and our laws violated. But we of the Grand Army of the Republic believe you will protect our state and country from the Bolsheviks, the red flag, and all that would destroy law and order.

#### COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

##### *The Last Battle Ground of the G. A. R.*

We have attended many of the county conventions in the past year, and from them have received an inspiration that could come from no other source. There the comrades meet coming from different Posts and once more clasp hands in fraternal greetings.

"The quickening thought, the throbbing word  
That sets the pulses beating  
Are stronger than the myriad swords  
Of mighty armies meeting."

The meetings of the county associations have been blessed with the presence of P. C. E. F. Morrill, P. C. George W. Pratt, P. C. Alfred H. Knowles, P. C. Henry Clark, and P. C. George W. Wilder who with their wise words and witty sayings helped and added to the enjoyment of the Comrades both in the county convention and at the meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in the afternoon. May the help they gave return to them fourfold to bless them.

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

It touches my heart in a tender spot when I bid good-by to my official family. They have been loyal and helpful, and I part with them after many pleasant hours, and I shall ever retain memories of their thoughtful kindness. Assistant Adjutant General Pike, conscious of his inability to perform the duties of the office on account of sickness, resigned and has since gone to his reward. We also record the death of our department clerk, a willing and faithful servant. Since he passed on Past Adjutant General Nordell has filled his place.

We here record the death of our dear friend and comrade, Edward P. Stanley, beloved by the comrades as well as his own town people of Manchester, where he had been town treasurer for thirty years. We have had the advice of our own Chaplain, Past Commander Payson Bradley, and with Assistant Adjutant General Wetherbee as our pilot, we could not go wrong. He has safely piloted the old ship along pleasant shores to a peaceful harbor without a rock of the boat or a rent of a sail.

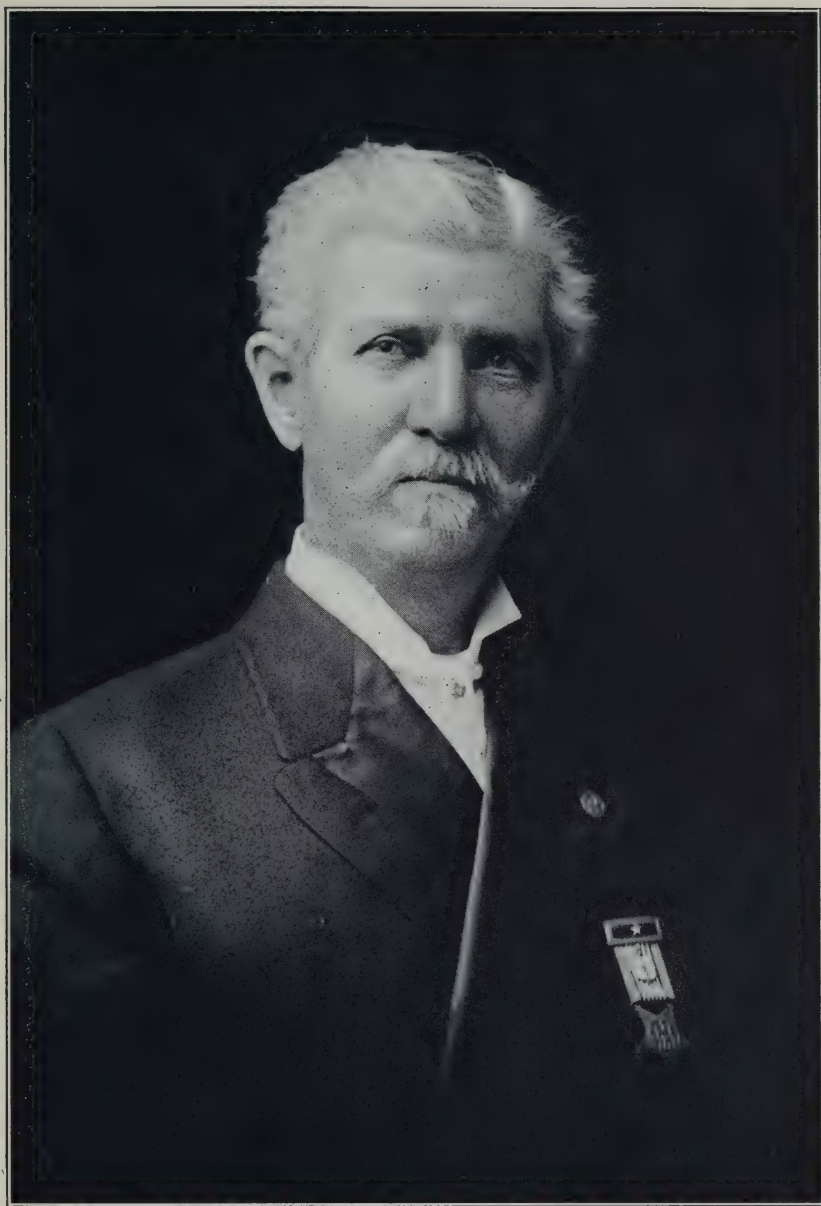
#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General, and the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the salary of the headquarters clerk. I recommend that \$500 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Department Commander and such other comrades as he may detail to attend camp fires, county associations, and other functions where the Department should officially be represented. I recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters at the National Encampment to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the week beginning August 30, 1925. I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.

#### CONCLUSION.

As your Department Commander, I have tried to do what was right in the sight of God and man, and in turning over the mantle of authority to my successor in office, my wish is that he may have the same loyal support you have given me from

*In Memoriam*



EDWIN P. STANLEY  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1918

A TRUE FRIEND. A LOYAL AND BELOVED COMRADE. DIED DECEMBER 27, 1924





every part of the State. And now, Comrades, I bid you hail and farewell as your Commander, and may the blessing of Heaven rest on you during the remaining years of your life and may those years and days be among those that are the happiest, the brightest, and the best.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

SOUTH BRAINTREE, March 1, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General*:

MY DEAR COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit my report as Senior Vice-Department Commander. Very much to my regret, I have not been able to be very active in my office during the year. My health has not allowed me to go about very much. I have attended several County meetings and social functions when I was able and was on all occasions received with a hearty welcome. What has given me a great deal of pleasure has been the many letters I have received from my Comrades and inquiries as to my health, wishing me good luck and full recovery to a normal state of health.

To my brother Officers and Comrades, I extend my sincere thanks for their interest in my welfare. To Department Commander Ham, I must extend my thanks for the consideration he has shown me by not calling on me for duties which in my office and under ordinary conditions I should have been called upon to perform.

With a most ardent and sincere love for our Grand Army of the Republic and love for all of my Comrades, I am

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM L. GAGE, *Senior Vice-Commander*.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

DANVERS, March 1, 1925.

W. A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Mass. G. A. R., State House, Boston, Mass.*

DEAR COMRADE: — I have the honor to forward my report as Junior Vice-Commander for the term ending February 28, 1925.

My unanimous election and many expressions of loyal support are gratefully remembered.

The office of Junior Vice-Commander is one of little responsibility. I have at all times been ready to obey all orders from you and Commander Ham; and have cheerfully responded to calls of neighboring Posts, Women's Relief Corps; visits to the Chelsea Home and honorary receptions; have attended all Essex County association conventions; and one or more of the County Meetings in Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Barnstable — also the Fall Conference of the W. R. C. at Greenfield, Camp and County Meetings of the Sons of Veterans, Camps of the American Legion and several Meetings of their Auxiliaries and an Americanization School — anywhere, if perchance my presence would carry any influence for patriotism, law and order and good citizenship — what the G. A. R. stands for — (the most valuable asset of a nation).

These meetings have been much enjoyed and have stimulated my respect and love for the G. A. R. and all the patriotic orders named above.

My strongest interest has been along the line of good conduct. Where good conduct prevails in the home, school, and in public, good citizenship follows.

Herein is the great field for the "Patriotic Instructor". It gives that person the entrance to the interest and heart of the Superintendent, Principal, Teacher and Scholar. The expense is very slight and results large. All get one hundred percent plus. "All" refers to the school, the home and the public.

The work is the presentation of Good-Citizenship Medals to a boy and a girl in each graduating class of the eighth grade in our schools. The medal is of bronze of an attractive design. Its motto just above where the winner's name is engraved is —

“Our inheritance is from the past  
Our duty is in the present  
Our hope is in the future.”

It is issued by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is called the “Good-Citizenship Medal” and can be secured by addressing the Secretary General, Buffalo, New York; or H. N. Comey, Danvers, Mass.

Time will not permit of extending statements of the good results in many places where it has been given.

The age of the pupil of the eighth grade comes at the time when character and citizenship is in the making and awarded for excellence in those qualities which tend to build citizens, rather than for literary merit (that limits the contests to a very few); all can enter where good conduct is the test.

The class nominate for the winners and the principal and teachers decide the contest.

Among the qualities desired are dependability, honesty, respect for authority, respect for the right of others, respect for property, courtesy, cleanliness in speech, and personal habits, patriotism, etc.

“He was the best citizen of Rome who did most love and serve his Country.”

The Medal was given in the schools of Danvers, Hopkinton, and Ashland, Massachusetts, in 1923 and in 1924 with very gratifying results; and will be awarded again this year.

W. R. C. Corps 50 of Peabody has 16 medals at work; and W. R. C. Corps 72 of Milford has 24 at work; for these inducements work all the time and everywhere.

It is suggested the W. R. C. have its own medal and supply their Patriotic Instructor with a strong lever to work with — and both Corps and Instructor will glory in the results.

If interested call on or write to me at 20 Page Street, Danvers, Mass.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. N. COMEY.

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

NORWOOD, MASS., March 1, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

COMRADE: — I have the honor and pleasure of sending you this my second annual report as Department Chaplain. I made out, and forwarded, my Memorial Day report to the Chaplain-in-chief, Rev. Charles L. Shurgur, in the time allotted for said report. The best I could do was to give an estimate of the work done by our department using returns sent me as a basis of the whole work done throughout the State.

It has afforded me much pleasure to send cheerful, written messages to sick comrades, and assure them of our interest in them, and hope of their recovery. Many of them, however, have taken their final departure from us during the year, but those of us who remain have great reason to thank God that we are spared to continue the work of the G. A. R. Comrades; “the lines are fallen to us in pleasant places: yea we have a goodly heritage” — a united and prosperous country, noble, faithful and helpful allied orders, and the best Flag that floats in the heavens to-day, a thing of beauty and joy forever, — “Old Glory”.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

REV. GEORGE W. NEAD, *Department Chaplain*.

MALDEN, March 1, 1925.

Mr. WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General*.

DEAR COMRADE: — Our yearly reports are due and I find myself again thanking my comrades for the honor conferred in electing me to the office of Department Medical Director, and only regret that my health has prevented my meeting more of our comrades. We all find the years are bringing us the infirmities of old age, so that we have to leave undone many things we ought to have done. Gettysburg Post 191 has been fortunate in losing only four of its members — all good men with good war records. Our commander comrade E. A. Hammond has had our sympathy in the death of his dear wife, who was such a loyal devoted friend to our Post that we all feel her passing away as a personal loss.

We have about fifteen active members who attend our afternoon meetings the 2d and 4th Fridays of each month. A report in the National Tribune states that our boys are dying at the rate of 24,000 a year — which fact causes us to realize that the G. A. R. will soon be but a memory. Let us hope that there will be some who shall remember to “salute the dead” who fought for our country from '61 to '65, at least once a year on May 30th.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WALTER B. WHITING, M.D.

# REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1925.

BENJAMIN A. HAM, *Department Commander*.

COMRADE: — I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending February 28, 1925. The following table shows the membership of the Department December 31, 1924.

Number of Posts	170
Number of comrades in good standing Dec. 31, 1923	3,613
Number gained by muster-in	32
Number gained by transfer	25
Number gained by reinstatement	17
Number gained from delinquent reports	4
Total gain	78
Aggregate	3,691
Number of comrades lost by death	492
Number lost by honorable discharge	3
Number lost by transfer	19
Number lost by suspension	8
Number lost by error	10
Number lost by delinquent reports	14
Number lost by surrender of charter	28
Total loss	574
Membership in good standing Dec. 31, 1924	3,117
Net loss	496
There has been reported expended in relief	\$13,340 91
Number of members and families relieved	126



The loss by death of 492 shows that fourteen percent of our membership of last year have answered their last roll call. Notably among them was our highly esteemed comrade and Past Department Commander Edwin P. Stanley of Post 67, Manchester. He died December 27.

On Sunday, January 11, after an illness of less than a week our highly esteemed Headquarters Clerk, Comrade George A. Dietz passed over the river. Comrade Dietz was a lovable man and will be greatly missed at headquarters.

On Monday, February 16, the sad news came to headquarters that death had claimed another of our well-known comrades. After a serious illness of nearly a year, my predecessor in office, Past Assistant Adjutant-General Eben W. Pike, was summoned to report at the Eternal Camping Ground. Comrade Pike was a good comrade, and a loyal friend.

The following posts, nine in number, have surrendered their charters during the past year: Post 20 of Colrain, 25 Uxbridge, 54 Berlin, 57 East Cambridge, 98 Cohasset, 100 Methuen, 126 Adams, 184 Ashburnham and 206 Falmouth.

Of the 170 posts now in good standing 136 posts have 25 members or less.

The attention of Post Officers is called to the fact that if it is found necessary to surrender the charter of a post it is necessary to advise the Department Headquarters of its intention, and must see that the charter is either placed in the custody of a Public Library or Historical Society, or returned to these Headquarters. Books of Records of the post should go with the charter.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED IN 1925.

	COUNTIES.	Members.	Representatives.
District No. 1 . . . . .	Barnstable . . . . .	20	1
	Bristol . . . . .	223	
	Nantucket . . . . .	6	
District No. 2 . . . . .	Plymouth . . . . .	231	1
District No. 3 . . . . .	Norfolk . . . . .	207	1
District No. 4 . . . . .	Suffolk . . . . .	454	2
District No. 5 . . . . .	Essex . . . . .	593	3
District No. 6 . . . . .	Middlesex . . . . .	605	3
District No. 7 . . . . .	Worcester . . . . .	458	3
District No. 8 . . . . .	Hampden . . . . .	124	1
District No. 9 . . . . .	Berkshire . . . . .	77	1
	Franklin . . . . .	60	
	Hampshire . . . . .	59	
		3,117	16

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail:



OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.  
TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES.

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Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
	<i>Barnstable County.</i>			<i>Essex County — Con.</i>	
132	Sandwich . . .	7	151	West Newbury . .	4
203	Bourne . . .	6	152	Essex . . .	3
204	Centerville . .	7	188	Beverly Farms . .	6
	Total (3 Posts) .	20		Total (24 Posts) .	593
	<i>Berkshire County.</i>			<i>Franklin County.</i>	
79	North Adams . .	23	17	Orange . . .	15
125	Pittsfield . . .	26	93	Shelburne Falls . .	10
196	Great Barrington .	7	164	Conway . . .	5
197	Pittsfield . . .	12	171	Northfield . . .	6
209	Williamstown . .	9	174	Greenfield . . .	24
	Total (5 Posts) .	77		Total (5 Posts) .	60
	<i>Bristol County.</i>			<i>Hampden County.</i>	
1	New Bedford . .	27	16	Springfield . . .	82
3	Taunton . . .	48	41	Westfield . . .	15
46	Fall River . . .	34	71	Holyoke . . .	27
52	Eastondale . . .	8		Total (3 Posts) .	124
145	Attleboro . . .	25		<i>Hampshire County.</i>	
170	Mansfield . . .	13	85	Ware . . .	12
182	Somerset . . .	7	86	Northampton . .	36
190	New Bedford . .	50	147	Amherst . . .	18
192	North Attleborough	11	176	Huntington . . .	11
	Total (9 Posts) .	223		Total (4 Posts) .	77
	<i>Essex County.</i>			<i>Middlesex County.</i>	
5	Lynn . . .	133	4	Melrose . . .	27
34	Salem . . .	59	6	Holliston . . .	8
39	Lawrence . . .	28	9	Hudson . . .	18
45	Gloucester . . .	18	12	Wakefield . . .	25
47	Haverhill . . .	60	14	Hopkinton . . .	12
49	Newburyport . .	49	18	Ashland . . .	3
50	Peabody . . .	23	29	Waltham . . .	22
67	Manchester . . .	3	30	Cambridge . . .	30
82	Marblehead . . .	22	33	Woburn . . .	3
89	Beverly . . .	39	36	Arlington . . .	19
90	Danvers . . .	24	40	Malden . . .	35
95	Saugus . . .	9	42	Lowell . . .	18
99	Andover . . .	9	43	Marlborough . .	20
101	Groveland . . .	6	48	Ayer . . .	16
106	Rockport . . .	6	56	Cambridge . . .	12
108	Georgetown . . .	6	62	Newtonville . . .	47
114	Merrimac . . .	15	63	Natick . . .	20
118	Swampscott . . .	13	66	Medford . . .	20
122	Amesbury . . .	16			
128	Ipswich . . .	16			
146	Lawrence . . .	26			

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Continued.*

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
	<i>Middlesex County —</i>			<i>Plymouth County —</i>	
	Con.			Con.	
75	Stoneham . . .	24	73	Abington . . .	11
81	Watertown . . .	17	74	Rockland . . .	25
115	Groton . . .	4	76	Plymouth . . .	22
119	Lexington . . .	6	78	Whitman . . .	19
120	Lowell . . .	32	83	Hanover . . .	7
138	West Acton . . .	16	104	Hingham . . .	8
139	Somerville . . .	42	111	Pembroke . . .	5
148	Winchester . . .	3	112	Norwell . . .	6
156	Everett . . .	19	127	Hanson . . .	2
161	Woburn . . .	10	154	Kingston . . .	2
163	Framingham . . .	20	165	Duxbury . . .	8
180	Concord . . .	8	189	Marshfield Hills . . .	14
185	Lowell . . .	32	208	Wareham . . .	5
194	Reading . . .	14	212	East Bridgewater . . .	3
195	East Pepperell . . .	9			
	Total (33 Posts) . . .	605		Total (17 Posts) . . .	231
	<i>Nantucket County.</i>			<i>Suffolk County.</i>	
207	Nantucket . . .	6	2	South Boston . . .	23
	Total (1 Post) . . .	6	7	Boston . . .	37
	<i>Norfolk County.</i>		11	Charlestown . . .	35
58	East Weymouth . . .	32	15	Boston . . .	49
60	Franklin . . .	12	21	Boston . . .	5
72	Stoughton . . .	22	23	East Boston . . .	12
87	South Braintree . . .	9	26	Roxbury . . .	42
88	Quincy . . .	18	32	South Boston . . .	11
91	Foxborough . . .	8	35	Chelsea . . .	44
94	Canton . . .	9	68	Dorchester . . .	36
102	Milton . . .	9	92	Brighton . . .	17
110	Randolph . . .	19	113	Boston . . .	41
117	Medfield . . .	4	121	Hyde Park . . .	22
130	West Medway . . .	11	134	Boston . . .	20
133	Plainville . . .	8	149	Charlestown . . .	5
143	Brookline . . .	16	159	East Boston . . .	8
144	Dedham . . .	10	191	Boston . . .	27
157	Walpole . . .	3	199	Revere . . .	7
169	Norwood . . .	9	200	Jamaica Plain . . .	13
181	Needham . . .	4		Total (19 Posts) . . .	454
193	Avon . . .	4		<i>Worcester County.</i>	
	Total (18 Posts) . . .	207	10	Worcester . . .	151
	<i>Plymouth County.</i>		19	Fitchburg . . .	40
8	Middleborough . . .	32	22	Milford . . .	22
13	Brockton . . .	52	24	Grafton . . .	5
31	Scituate . . .	10	27	Oxford . . .	3
			37	Spencer . . .	16
			38	Brookfield . . .	4
			44	Southborough . . .	—

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
	<i>Worcester County —</i> Con.			<i>Worcester County —</i> Con.	
51	North Brookfield .	10	123	Athol Center .	13
53	Leominster .	28	135	Shrewsbury .	2
61	Webster .	17	140	Athol .	11
64	Clinton .	11	153	Winchendon .	7
69	Westminster .	4	160	West Brookfield .	8
70	Millbury .	8	167	Whitinsville .	6
77	Holden .	5	168	Southbridge .	13
80	Westborough .	15	173	Sturbridge .	7
105	Upton .	8	179	Barre .	10
109	East Templeton .	12			
116	Gardner .	22		Total (28 Posts) .	458

To you, Commander, I extend my thanks for the honor conferred by my appointment, and for the many courtesies received during the year.

It is with pleasure that I bear witness to the faithful service you have rendered the Department. No one could have given more.

To my associate officers I give thanks for the loyal comradeship they have manifested toward me at all times.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Boston, March 1, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the past year. The following tables, which are supported by vouchers, show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession:

### INVESTED FUNDS.

#### March 1, 1924.

Cash on hand March 1, 1924 . . . . .	\$4,187 20
Received interest, Boston Five Cent Savings Bank . . . . .	13 88
Received interest, South Boston Savings Bank . . . . .	7 05
Received interest, East Cambridge Savings Bank . . . . .	62 77
Received interest, Home Savings Bank . . . . .	32 14
Received interest, Warren Institution for Savings . . . . .	59 94
Received interest, Provident Institution for Savings . . . . .	27 27
Total in Savings Banks . . . . .	\$4,390 25
Invested in Liberty Bonds . . . . .	5,000 00
Total . . . . .	\$9,390 25
Amount carried forward, . . . . .	\$9,390 25

*Amount brought forward* . . . . . \$9,390 25

## GENERAL FUND.

**March 1, 1924.***Receipts.*

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$2,845 10	
Dues, first term . . . . .	541 35	
Dues, second term . . . . .	481 15	
Sale of supplies . . . . .	172 77	
Interest Fourth-Atlantic Bank . . . . .	48 48	
Interest on Liberty Bonds . . . . .	212 50	
Daughters of Veterans . . . . .	500 00	
Auxiliary of Sons of Veterans . . . . .	200 00	
Sale of tickets . . . . .	300 75	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	920 67	
All other sources . . . . .	95 62	
		6,318 39
Total receipts . . . . .		\$15,708 64
Total expenditures . . . . .		3,485 27
Cash on hand March 1, 1925 . . . . .		\$12,223 37

*Expenditures.***March, 1924.**

Eben W. Pike, Salary . . . . .	\$100 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary . . . . .	41 66	
George W. Pratt, Travelling . . . . .	56 50	
O'Neil & Parker, A. Q. M. G. Bond . . . . .	12 50	
Cola D. R. Stowits, Supplies . . . . .	4 05	
Incidentals . . . . .	6 74	
		\$221 45

**April, 1924.**

Eben W. Pike, Salary . . . . .	\$100 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary . . . . .	41 66	
George W. Pratt, Travelling . . . . .	56 50	
Baptist Social Union . . . . .	40 00	
J. R. Whipple Co., Expense Com.-in-Chief . . . . .	13 85	
S. S. Pierce, Banquet Expense . . . . .	21 75	
Boston Regalia Co., Supplies . . . . .	14 75	
Emerson & Co., Rubber Stamp . . . . .	2 25	
A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .	13 00	
C. C. Whittemore, Banquet . . . . .	272 50	
Cola D. R. Stowits, Supplies . . . . .	27 00	
		603 26

**May, 1924.**

Bates Torrey, Stenographer . . . . .	\$127 80	
Stamped Envelopes . . . . .	2 20	
Deposit on 1,000 Stamped Envelopes (2 cent) . . . . .	2 16	
Emerson & Co., Rubber Stamp . . . . .	2 25	
Stamped Envelopes . . . . .	2 64	
Eben W. Pike, Salary in full . . . . .	50 00	
Deposit on 1,000 1 cent Stamped Envelopes . . . . .	2 08	
A. C. Morrill, Printing . . . . .	27 50	
Griffith Stillings Press, Letter Heads . . . . .	4 25	
V. H. Blackington & Co., Supplies . . . . .	2 50	
Boston Regalia Co. . . . .	2 50	
Postage Stamps . . . . .	60	
1,000 2 cent Stamped Envelopes . . . . .	20 00	
Benj. A. Ham, Travelling . . . . .	10 81	

*Amounts carried forward* . . . . . \$257 29      \$824 71



OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.		45
<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$257 29	\$824 71
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary	\$50 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary	41 66	
Stamps	15	
Emerson & Co., Rubber Stamp	3 00	
		352 10
<b>June, 1924.</b>		
W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling	\$6 38	
A. C. Morrill, Rosters	94 00	
Boston Regalia Co., Supplies	2 25	
Postmaster, Stamped Envelopes	10 00	
A. C. Morrill, Printing	15 00	
Stone & Forsyth Co., Paper	3 50	
C. D. R. Stowits, Per Capita Tax	209 05	
Cash returned on Merchandise	2 15	
		342 33
<b>July, 1924.</b>		
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for June	\$100 00	
George E. Dietz, Salary for June	41 66	
A. C. Morrill, Printing	28 75	
Stamps	60	
W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling	3 26	
Boston Regalia Co., Supplies	18 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for July	100 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary for July	41 66	
		333 93
<b>August, 1924.</b>		
B. A. Ham, Travelling	\$27 13	
New Eng. Tel & Tel. Co.	1 26	
V. H. Blackington Co., Supplies	5 30	
Boston Regalia Co., Supplies	1 25	
C. D. A. Stowits, Supplies	17 38	
Wright & Potter	16 75	
Warrens Post 68 Band	137 50	
Expense of National Encampment	4 75	
		211 32
<b>September, 1924.</b>		
A. C. Morrill, Printing	\$8 00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 40	
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for August	100 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary for August	41 66	
Wm. Green, Express	5 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, Disinfectant	1 19	
Damon, Envelopes	90	
U. S. Postmaster, Deposit	3 02	
Sampson Murdock Co., Directory	8 00	
		169 17
<b>October, 1924.</b>		
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for September	\$100 00	
George A. Dietz, Salary for September	41 66	
Cola D. R. Stowits, Supplies	10 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 60	
Benj. A. Ham, Travelling	28 62	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., Supplies	8 50	
W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling	19 98	
U. S. Post Office, Stamped Envelopes	10 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, Postage Stamps	2 00	
		222 36
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$2,455 92

Amount brought forward . . . . . \$2,455 92

**November, 1924.**

W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for Oct.	\$100 00
George A. Dietz, Salary for Oct.	41 66
A. C. Morrill, Printing	19 50
Boston Regalia Co., Supplies	1 25
Stamps	20
Boston Flower Garden, Wreath (Lodge)	5 00
New England Pathfinder	2 50

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**December, 1924.**

L. E. Muran & Co., Supplies	\$7 00
Alex C. Morrill, Printing	9 00
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for Nov.	100 00
George A. Dietz, Salary for Nov.	41 66
B. A. Ham, Travelling	24 46
L. E. Muran & Co., Supplies	90
Stamps	80
Blackington & Co., Supplies	13 31
George A. Dietz, Salary for Dec.	41 66
Stamps	75
W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling	2 84

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242 38

**January, 1924.**

Stamps	\$1 80
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for Dec.	100 00
B. A. Ham, Travelling	16 34
A. C. Morrill, Printing	20 00
J. Newman & Sons, Stanley Wreath	3 00
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2 10
Thorp & Martin, Supplies	38
Est. Geo. A. Dietz, Salary in full	21 00
Stamps	20
C. D. R. Stowits, Per Capita Tax	155 85
W. A. Wetherbee, Travelling	2 25

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**February, 1924.**

Philip A. Nordell, Salary for January	\$21 00
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for January	100 00
J. Newman & Sons, Wreath (Dietz)	3 00
Underwood Type Writer Co., Ribbon	1 00
Stamps	10
P. A. Nordell, Salary for February	41 66
W. A. Wetherbee, Salary for February	100 00
C. D. R. Stowits, Supplies	24 18
C. D. R. Stowits, Supplies	3 00

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293 94

Total Expenditure . . . . . \$3,485 27

**MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.***Dr.*

On hand March 1, 1924	\$250 79
Bought during the year	111 37
Profit and Loss	46 49

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\$408 65

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Sold during the year	\$172 77
On hand March 1, 1925	235 88

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\$408 65

Invested fund:		
Warren Institute for Savings . . . . .	\$1,377 46	
East Cambridge Savings Bank . . . . .	1,369 40	
Home Savings Bank . . . . .	738 71	
Provident Institute for Savings . . . . .	423 00	
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank . . . . .	319 34	
South Boston Savings Bank . . . . .	162 34	
	<hr/>	\$4,390 25
Liberty Bonds . . . . .		5,000 00
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		\$9,390 25
General fund:		
Atlantic Bank . . . . .	\$2,826 10	
In Drawer . . . . .	7 02	
	<hr/>	\$2,833 12
Total . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$12,223 37
Value of Supplies . . . . .	\$235 88	
Colors . . . . .	245 00	
Office Furniture . . . . .	290 00	
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		\$12,994 25

LIABILITIES.

None.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE D. SANBORN, *Assistant Quartermaster-General.*

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

WORCESTER, MASS., March 1, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

COMRADE: — My duties as Judge Advocate have not been arduous as no Comrade has called on me for my advice during my term of service.

However, I feel I am honored by the appointment and desire to return my thanks for same.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

EDWIN J. FOSTER.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General, State House, Boston, Mass.*

I submit this report as Department Inspector. I have not been called to inspect any post and have made no official calls. I thank my Department Commander, Comrade Ham, for the honor given me in appointing me to this office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

L. K. MARSTON, *Department Inspector.*

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

BEVERLY, MASS., March 1, 1925.

Comrade WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, A. A. G. Dept. Mass., G. A. R.

MY DEAR COMRADE: — I have the honor to render the following as my report as Chief Mustering Officer. As you know, the duties of this office have become, year by year, less arduous; I have, however, complied with every request for service which I have received and would have been very glad to have rendered more if opportunity offered, as it is always a great pleasure to me to perform any duty in my power for my comrades and our grand order. As Chief Mustering Officer I had the honor to install the officers of Post 2 of South Boston, 34 of Salem, 45 of Gloucester, 50 of Peabody, 47 of Haverhill and 106 of Rockport. At the installation of Post 2 I had the pleasure and honor of installing our Dept. Commander Ham as Patriotic Instructor, and Past Dept. Commander Bradley as Chaplain. I have visited every quarterly convention of the Essex County Relief Corps Association, and have attended all entertainments given to the inmates of the Soldiers' Home, and have contributed my mite toward the pleasure of the inmates of the institution. I have also attended all but one of the quarterly meetings of the Sons of Veterans with the Division Commander and attended the institution of a new Camp at Essex, and on all occasions where opportunity offers, I have urged them to increased efforts to augment their membership that they may be able to take up our patriotic work and carry it on successfully, as we have for more than a half century, when we are gone. It was my very sad duty to attend the funeral of our Past Dept. Commander, Comrade Edwin P. Stanley, at Manchester with the delegation representing the Department. We rendered the beautiful burial service of the Grand Army, and I had the great honor to be selected by our Comrade Wetherbee, A. A. G., to officiate as Commander; our Dept. Commander Comrade Ham acted as Chaplain and two of our Past Dept. Commanders gave the other work. I have also attended several receptions, notably two to our Commander-in-chief, Comrade Saltzgaber, one at the Cadet Armory in Boston, the other at Beverly in our hall, tendered by my Post 89; one at Brighton to Mrs. Mabelle H. Smith, Department President, tendered to her by her Corps, and one at South Boston to our Dept. Commander Ham by his Post and Relief Corps; one at Lynn to Mrs. Nellie F. Libby, National Press Correspondent and Past Department President of the Relief Corps; also, the big one at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, tendered by the Department Relief Corps to all Veterans and their allied organizations. I also attended the joint installation of the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps at Swampscott and spoke for both those grand orders.

Last fall, to our local camp of the Sons of Veterans, I gave a description of our old-time Camp Fires which we so greatly enjoyed, and suggested that they arrange for one. The young "Boys" were very enthusiastic at the suggestion, got to work, and the result was, that we did have a rousing old-fashioned Camp Fire in our hall, which was an unqualified success; Posts and Camps in the cities and towns round about were invited and our hall was filled to capacity. The "Boys" old and young were just delighted and the old ones really seemed twenty years younger. When they got at the rations, crackers, cheese and coffee, it was wonderful to see them eat, and when it came to the community singing we showed the youngsters that we could still get up some noise, even though the singing may not be quite up to the standard of modern vocal music. I would respectfully recommend to my comrades throughout the Department, that those posts having a camp of the Sons of Veterans, endeavor to have such camps revive the custom of holding these old time camp fires; it will give the few comrades remaining, and the Sons, also, much pleasure besides keeping up the interest in the camp and strengthening in their hearts an appreciation of what the objects for which both organizations stand for, what their fathers endured and how they fought and suffered to keep our country undivided and our flag maintained unsullied.

I want to thank Commander Ham for the honor of this appointment, the A.



A. G., Comrade Wetherbee, all other officers of the Department, and all my dear Comrades throughout the Department wherever they may be, for the many courtesies I have invariably received from all.

Very respectfully submitted in F. C. L.,

WM. H. MORGAN, *Chief Mustering Officer.*

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

WESTFIELD, MASS., March 4, 1925.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

I submit herewith my report as Department Patriotic Instructor.

A report in detail largely depends on those received from the several Posts. To this date only 18 Posts have filed a report.

The indications are that this is due to rapidly decreasing membership of Posts, and it is a notable fact that the best reports received are from small Posts.

They are all doing good work as they see it, but fail to report. But who can criticize our Comrades of nearly four-score years, as nearly all are.

The work of Patriotic Instruction was begun in all the schools of our great country many years ago by our great organization; and I note that as the years go fleeting by that the work grows apace.

The slogan of One Country, One Language, One Flag, still pervades in the breast of every school boy and girl in the land, and the work of the Grand Army of the Republic will never end as long as one Comrade lives, and will enrich and enlarge the patriotic fervor of America for all time.

To yourself, my friend and comrade of many years, and Commander Ham, I am under special obligation.

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

HORACE GOODWIN,

*Department Patriotic Instructor.*

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

BOSTON, March 1, 1925.

BENJAMIN A. HAM, *Department Commander.*

The elected members of the Council of Administration for the year 1924-25 respectfully submit the following report:—

The first meeting of the year was held April 23, 1924. With two exceptions all members were present.

It was voted that the next Department Encampment be held April 7 and 8, 1925.

It was voted to have the usual banquet and Comrade Wetherbee was authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

The Commander appointed Comrades Hammond, Webb and Kelley as Auditing Committee.

It was voted that a Band be engaged for the parade in August.

A second meeting was held July 27. All present but Comrades Hammond and Gage detained at home on account of sickness.

Commander Ham stated the meeting had been called to see if it was thought wise to name a candidate for the office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, it being the custom to give that office to the entertaining department, and he presented the name of Past Department Commander Wilfred A. Wetherbee.

The motion was carried by the unanimous vote of the Council.

The third and final meeting of the year was held February 27.

All members present with two exceptions.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and accepted.

A true copy.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

BOSTON, March 2, 1925.

BENJ. A. HAM, *Commander*.

COMRADE: — The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, and have found them correct, with vouchers for all charges made to February 28, 1925. They have verified the cash and find the total amount on hand March 2, 1925, to be \$12,223.37.

JAMES H. WEBB,  
DANIEL W. HAMMOND.

## MUSTERED OUT

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1924.

*Post 3, Taunton.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Job Lewis	July 15	Private	Co. A, 2nd R. I. Infantry	Voluntown County, Conn.
George W. Singer	Aug. 7	Private	Co. A, 1st Me. Infantry	Nova Scotia.
Samuel O. Blake	Sept. 16	Captain	37th Regiment U. S. Colored Troops	-
George O. Goff	Sept. 29	Private	Co. D, 7th Mass. Infantry	Rehoboth, Mass.
Hugh Cunningham	Oct. 9	Private	Co. M, 3d R. I. Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
George B. Harvey	Dec. 25	Private	U. S. Navy	Taunton, Mass.
			Co. G, 4th Mass. Infantry	
			13th Mass Artillery	

*Post 4, Melrose.*

Sherman Lynde	Jan. 22	Corporal	Co. G, 1st, Mass. Cavalry	No. Malden, Mass.
William H. Martin	Jan. 23	Sergeant	Co. K, 38th Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Richard J. T. Roome	Feb. 29	Surgeon, Steward	U. S. Navy	-
George A. Whidden	Aug. 30	Private	Co. I, 1st Me. Infantry	-
Edward Bradbury	Dec. 10	Captain	Co. H, 17th Me. Infantry	So. Berwick, Me.
Edwin O. Brooks	Dec. 13	Private	Co. D, 42nd Me. Infantry	Portland, Me.
		3rd Assistant Engineer	U. S. Navy	-

*Post 5, Lynn.*

Albert H. Bodwell	Jan. 1	Private	U. S. Marine Corps	Lawrence, Mass.
Richard G. Greene	Jan. 7	Private	27th Mass. Unattached Company	Marblehead, Mass.
James E. Hayes	Jan. 8	Landsmen	U. S. Navy	Farmington, N. H.
John W. Finley	Jan. 18	Private	Co. C, 5th Mass. Infantry	Saxtonville, Mass.
William W. Grafton	Jan. 26	Private	27th Mass. Unattached Company	Haverhill, Mass.
George F. Putnam	Feb. 16	Private	Co. C, 17th Mass. Infantry	Danvers, Mass.
Isaiah Pinkham	Feb. 26	Sergeant	Co. K, 14th Maine Infantry	Casco, Maine.
Alfred M. Fairfield	Mar. 6	Private	Co. G, 3rd Mass. Heavy Artillery	New Boston, N. H.

*Post 5, Lynn — Concluded.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
James S. Lovejoy	Mar. 11	Private	Co. C, 42d Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
George A. Blood	Mar. 27	Private	Co. A, 34th Mass. Infantry	Sturbridge, Mass.
Robert E. Redman	Apr. 8	Private	Co. L, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Brookvale, Me.
William A. Phipps	Apr. 2	Private	Co. E, 38th Mass. Infantry	Lexington, Mass.
Joseph B. Wood	May 7	Private	Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
Thomas Ray	May 10	Private	Co. I, 11th Mass. Unattached Company	Ireland.
Michael Hunt	May 12	Private	Co. B, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Ireland.
Robert Johnson	June 25	Private	Co. B, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Baltimore, Md.
Caleb S. Moulton	July 17	Private	U. S. Navy	Charlestown, Mass.
Roland C. Judkins	Aug. 1	Private	Co. G, 42d Mass. Infantry	Freedom, N. H.
J. Freeland Currant	Aug. 1	Private	Co. L, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
Michael Quigley	Sept. 2	Landsman	Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Isaac H. Childs	Sept. 11	Private	U. S. Navy	Lynn, Mass.
Nathan A. Riley	Oct. 23	Private	Co. I, 29th Mass. Infantry	Denmark, Me.
William Marshall	Nov. 21	Private	Co. D, 9th N. Y. Infantry	Germany.
Simeon Jaquith	Dec. 2	Sergeant	Co. G, 3d N. Y. Cavalry	Wilmington, Mass.
			15th Battery Light Artillery	

*Post 7, Boston.*

Thomas I. Swallow	Feb. 28	Private	Co. A, 5th Mass. Infantry	Boston.
John F. Norcott	Mar. 10	Private	Co. K, 3rd Mass. Heavy Artillery	Boston.
Eugene Flanagan	Mar. 15	Private	Co. C, 9th N. Y. Infantry	New York.
P. M. Fowler	Mar. 19	Sergeant	Co. E, 23rd Mass. Infantry	Maine.
D. E. Sullivan	Oct. 9	Private	Co. C, 42nd Mass. Infantry	Boston.
Jas. J. Monroe	Dec. 8	Private	Co. A, 60th Mass. Infantry	Boston.
Henry Landt	Dec. 22	Private	U. S. Navy	Germany.

*Post 9, Hudson.*

R. B. Lewis	Jan. 6	Private	Co. E, 53 Mass. Infantry	Leominster, Mass.
R. Y. Coolidge	July 10	Private	Co. G, 19 Mass. Infantry	Hudson, Mass.
Chas. A. Hearsey	Nov. 7	Private	Co. E, 60 Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, Mass.



*Post 10, Worcester.*

William J. Eddy .	Jan. 18	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery	.	Millbury, Mass.
William E. Robbins	Feb. 1	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Upton, Mass.
Minard Wood	Feb. 2	Seaman	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	Staten Island, N. Y.
George W. Dixon .	Feb. 21	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 25th Mass. Infantry	.	Plainfield, Conn.
Henry H. Merriam	Mar. 26	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 42d Mass. Infantry	.	Randolph, Ohio.
Robert W. Morrill	Mar. 26	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 39th Mass. Infantry	.	Sumner, Me.
Frederick Williams	Mar. 31	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 8th Mass. Infantry	.	Dexter, Me.
D. Herbert Smith	Apr. 1	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 19th Mass. Infantry	.	New Bedford, Mass.
John A. Hough .	Apr. 17	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 25th Mass. Infantry	.	Augusta, Me.
James D. Shaw .	June 4	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 3d N. Y. Light Artillery	.	Williamstown, N. Y.
Augustus L. Bush	June 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 6th Mass. Infantry	.	New York, N. Y.
J. Henry Locke .	Aug. 24	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 25th Mass. Infantry	.	Boyiston, Mass.
James C. Han .	Sept. 13	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 18th N. H. Infantry	.	Gilmanston, N. H.
Edwin R. Shumway	Oct. 16	Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. I, 4th Vt. Infantry	.	Jamaica, Vt.
William M. E. Adams	Oct. 31	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 18th Mass. Infantry	.	Peterboro, N. H.
George E. Ham .	Nov. 2	Private	.	.	.	2d Mass. Battery	.	Gilmanston, N. H.
William H. Shearman	Dec. 15	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 10th R. I. Infantry	.	Providence, R. I.
Levi W. Stearns	Dec. 2	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 14th Me. Infantry	.	Windsor, Me.

*Post 11, Charlestown.*

Henry M. Hadley	Jan. 8	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 13 Mass. Infantry	.	E. Cambridge, Mass.
John C. Coombs .	Mar. 28	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. H, 15 N. H. Infantry	.	Sanbornton, N. H.
Joseph H. Knox .	Apr. 30	Musician	.	.	.	Co. H, 5 Mass. Infantry	.	Medford, Mass.
Chas. W. White .	Aug. 26	Engineer's yeoman	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	Standish, Me.
		Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 30 Me. Infantry	.	

*Post 12, Wakefield.*

Henry Davis .	Jan. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 13 Mass. Infantry	.	Camden, Me.
Michael Logan .	Mar. 6	Fireman, Seaman	.	.	.	U. S. S. Canandaigua	.	Charlestown, Mass.
Stephen W. Lufkin	July 6	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 1st Ill. Infantry	.	Woburn, Mass.
		Private	.	.	.	Co. G, 13 Mass. Infantry	.	

*Post 13, Brockton.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
T. A. Taber . . . . .	Jan. 23 {	Private	Co. G, 3 Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
Barzillai Field . . . . .	Feb. 15 {	Private	Co. B, 58 Mass. Infantry	Bridgewater, Mass.
Zimri Carleton . . . . .	Mar. 8 {	Private	Co. C, 60th Mass. Infantry	Troy, Me.
Henry Pratt . . . . .	May 15 {	Private	Co. I, 29 Mass. Infantry	Weymouth, Mass.
Joshua A. Chase . . . . .	Sept. 3 {	Private	Co. G, 4 Mass. Cavalry	Chatham, Mass.
James A. Bucknam . . . . .	Nov. 23 {	Private	Co. A, 58 Mass. Infantry	Cambridge, Mass.
David Snow . . . . .	Dec. 17 {	Private	Co. I, 20 Mass. Infantry	Yarmouth, Mass.
			Co. E, 5 Mass. Infantry	

*Post 14, Hopkinton.*

Nathaniel Sweet . . . . .	Apr. 8	Private	Co. B, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	Northbridge, Mass.
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*Post 15, Boston.*

Daniel D. Poole . . . . .	Feb. 9	Fireman	U. S. S. "Cherokee"	Boothbay, Me.
Patrick Slane . . . . .	Feb. 15	Private	Co. K, 4 Mass. Cavalry	Ireland.
John E. Hayes . . . . .	Feb. 25	Private	Co. K, 45 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Nelson Monroe . . . . .	May 5	Major	Co. H, 46 Mass. Battery	Boston, Mass.
Edward R. Frost . . . . .	June 25		Co. H, 157 Penn. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Patrick H. Welch . . . . .	Aug. 23	Private	Co. P, 199 Penn. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Theodore A. Plympton . . . . .	Oct. 16	Private	3 Heavy Artillery	Ireland.
John W. Magoon . . . . .	July 22	Landsman	Co. A, 5 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
William F. Chadwick . . . . .	July 28	Musician	U. S. S. "Minnesota"	Boston, Mass.
Thomas F. Burke . . . . .	Oct. 26 {	Private	Co. H, 45 Mass. Infantry	Charlestown, Mass.
		Landsman	Co. E, 26 Mass. Infantry	Falmouth, Mass.
		Captain	U. S. S. "Potomac"	Ireland.
John G. Meserve . . . . .	Dec. 16		Co. K, 6th Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
			Co. C, 42d Mass. Infantry	
			Cos. C and A, U. S. Infantry	

*Post 18, Ashland.*

Henry K. Aldrich	.	.	.	.	May 15	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 36 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Cumberland, R. I.
Hiram A. Hotchkiss	.	.	.	.	Sept. 20	Private	.	.	.	2d N. Y. Mounted Rifles	.	.	.	.	Canandaigua, N. Y.

*Post 21, Boston.*

John Mees	.	.	.	.	Feb. 8	Private	.	.	.	Co. K, 80 N. J. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
Charles Bieller	.	.	.	.	Nov. 19	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 1 Mass. Cavalry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.

*Post 24, Grafton.*

Samuel E. Leland	.	.	.	.	May 21	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Grafton.
Perley Goddard	.	.	.	.	Nov. 91	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 51 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Grafton.
Thomas H. Brewer	.	.	.	.	Oct. 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	England.
Evarts Kent	.	.	.	.	- - -	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 6 Vt. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Benson, Vt.

*Post 25, Uxbridge.*

Henry L. Shippee	.	.	.	.	Dec. 111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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*Post 26, Roxbury.*

Patrick Mohan	.	.	.	.	Jan. 2	Private	.	.	.	Co. K, 37 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Ireland.
John W. Murphy	.	.	.	.	Jan. 3	Private	.	.	.	Cos. E and M, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Ireland.
Daniel W. Bugbee	.	.	.	.	Feb. 1	Private	.	.	.	11th Mass. Light Artillery	.	.	.	.	Boston.
Hiram A. Wright	.	.	.	.	Apr. 26	Q. M. Sergeant	.	.	.	1 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Cambridge.
Edwin S. Davis	.	.	.	.	Nov. 27	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Medway.
Charles M. Grant	.	.	.	.	Dec. 9	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 8 N. H. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-

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*Post 29, Waltham.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
William F. Welch.	Mar. 12	Private	Co. A, 1 Wis. Infantry	Ireland.
Samuel Patch	Apr. 29	Captain	Co. C, 35 Mass. Infantry	Lincoln, Mass.
			Co. H, 29 Mass. Infantry	
Joseph W. Farnsworth	July 14	Private	Co. C, 3d R. I. Cavalry	Shrewsbury, Mass.
			Co. F, 57 Mass. Infantry	
Edward R. Cutler	Sept. 24	Surgeon, Major	Co. F, 4 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Edward J. Brackett	Dec. 30	Private	1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
			Co. G, 5 Mass. Infantry	
			Co. D, 35 Mass. Infantry	

*Post 34, Salem.*

John M. Bickford	Apr. 4	Private	Co. C, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Salem, Mass.
Chas. L. Lord	July 1	Private	2nd Corps Cadets	-
Adelbert H. Ward	Aug. 16	Private	11 Maine Infantry	China, Maine.
Edward T. Osgood	Nov. 13	Private	Co. A, 23 Mass. Infantry	Danvers, Mass.
Wm. S. Neal	Dec. 24	Assistant Engineer	U. S. Navy	Anstock, Ill.

*Post 35, Chelsea.*

John A. Orcutt	Mar. 11	Mate	U. S. S. "Tacony"	Chelsea
Charles E. Read	Mar. 28	Private	U. S. S. "Vanderbilt"	New Braintree.
Charles O. Fellows	Apr. 23	Private	Co. D, 44 Mass. Infantry	Boston.
William Grantman	June 9	Captain	Co. H, 1st Mass. Infantry	New York.
George W. Newhall	Oct. 21	Private	Co. H, 1st Mass. Infantry	Chelsea.
			Co. D, 8 Mass. Infantry	

*Post 37, Spencer.*

Chas. A. Bacon	Apr. 16	-	Co. E, 15 Mass. Infantry	-
Henry Knowlton	July 10	-	Co. F, 42 Mass. Infantry	-



*Post 42, Lowell.*

Joseph Denio	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	3 N. Y. Cavalry	.	.	.	.	Malone, N. Y.
Frank Fay	.	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-	2 Mass. Cavalry	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick Donnelly	.	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-	Co. C, 30 Mass	.	.	.	.	-
Barney McCabe	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	Ireland.

*Post 43, Marlborough.*

Addington M. Brigham	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	7th Infantry	.	.	.	.	Marlborough, Mass.
Albert A. Wright	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 5th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Westford, Mass.
Walter S. Goss	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 5th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Brewster, Mass.
Edwin R. Clark	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 7th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
										Co. K, 15th Vt. Infantry	.	.	.	.	

*Post 45, Gloucester.*

John G. Burnham	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. L, 1 Reg't Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Gloucester, Mass.
James W. Marchant	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 3 Reg't Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Gloucester, Mass.
Benj. F. Payson	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 30 Mass. Vol.	.	.	.	.	Freeport, Maine.
Charles Wilson	.	.	.	.	Seaman	.	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Niagara"	.	.	.	.	Sweden.

*Post 46, Fall River.*

Oscar Douglas	.	.	.	.	Mar. 1	.	.	.	.	4 R. I. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
William Abbott	.	.	.	.	Mar. 5	-	-	-	-	U. S. S. "Montgomery"	.	.	.	.	-
James C. Healey	.	.	.	.	Apr. 22	-	-	-	-	U. S. Navy	.	.	.	.	-
Edward T. Marvel	.	.	.	.	Aug. 17	-	-	-	-	7 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
James Smith	.	.	.	.	Sept. 1	-	-	-	-	17 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
William J. Braley	.	.	.	.	Dec. 23	-	-	-	-	Co. B, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	-

*Post 47, Haverhill.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Charles A. Merrill	Jan. 20	Private	Co. G, 35th Mass. Infantry	Haverhill, Mass.
Benj. H. Jellison	Apr. 5	Sergeant	Co. C, 19th Mass. Infantry	Byfield, Mass.
John E. Lapham	Apr. 26	Private	Co. I, 32nd Maine Infantry	Bethel, Me.
Charles Ladd	May 2	Private	Co. C, 51 Maine Infantry	Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward McKenna	May 6	Private	Co. G, 56th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Major Walker	May 14	Private	32 U. S. Colored Troops	Petersburg, Virginia.
William P. Russell	May 18	Private	Co. D, 17 Mass. Infantry	Salem, Mass.
John H. Perkins	May 31	Private	Co. D, 24th Maine Infantry	Harmony, Me.
Benj. E. Hoyt	July 24	Private	Co. G, 50th Mass. Infantry	Ipswich, Mass.
Walter S. Boynton	Aug. 31	Landsgman	U. S. Navy	Haverhill, Mass.
Dan'l H. Spofford	Sept. 3	Private	Co. H, 1st Mass. Infantry	Temple, N. H.
Warren F. Pinkham	Oct. 25	Private	Co. G, 50th Mass. Infantry	Madbury, N. H.
Walter F. Morss	Oct. 29	Private	Co. G, 11 Mass. Infantry	W. Newbury, Mass.
Woodbury C. Blye	Nov. 25	Sergeant	Co. K, 3d N. H. Infantry	Epping, N. H.

*Post 48, Ayer.*

Daniel H. Dickinson	Apr. 9	Private	Co. A, 15 Mass. Infantry	Harvard, Mass.
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*Post 49, Newburyport.*

John G. Sawyer	Jan. 11	Private	Co. B, 51 Mass. Battery	Warren, N. H.
Albert B. Clement	Mar. 1	Landsgman	Co. A, 1 Mass. Battery	Dover, N. H.
Obed W. Gration	Apr. 14	Private	U. S. Navy	Stark, Maine
John Norton	June 1	Private	Co. C, 11 Mass. Infantry	Cork, Ireland.
James A. Dodge	July 29	Private	Co. H, 60 Mass. Infantry	Sedgwick, Me.
George H. Allen	Aug. 10	Seaman	U. S. 4 Mass. Cavalry	Yarmouth, N. S.
George W. Pickering	Sept. 18	Private	U. S. "Santee"	Newburyport, Mass.
			Co. H, 60 Mass. Infantry	

*Post 50, Peabody.*

Samuel N. Goldthwait	Jan. 24	Private	Co. H, 1 Vt. Heavy Artillery	Lynn, Mass.
Daniel A. Small	Mar. 19	Private	Co. C, 5th Mass. Infantry	Lynnfield, Mass.
Flavel H. Goodwin	May 21	Private	Co. D, 7 Maine Infantry	So. Berwick, Me.

*Post 51, North Brookfield.*

Frank A. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	Mar. 24	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. F, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Heath, Mass.
Charles Parkman	.	.	.	.	.	Oct. 3	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. F, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	N. Brookfield, Mass.

*Post 52, Eastondale.*

Herbert A. Hewitt	.	.	.	.	.	Feb. 11	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 60 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
Theodore Darling	.	.	.	.	.	July 27	Private	.	.	.	.	5 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
George W. Kalmar	.	.	.	.	.	Nov. 12	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. G, 12 Me. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Charlestown, Mass.

*Post 53, Leominster.*

Charles Powers	.	.	.	.	.	Jan. 19	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 20th Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	Lewiston, Me.
Truman Tuttle	.	.	.	.	.	Jan. 27	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 3d U. S. Artillery	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.

*Post 56, Cambridge.*

Sullivan O. Sawin	.	.	.	.	.	Jan. 22	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 34 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Wayland, Mass.
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*Post 58, Weymouth.*

William B. Denton	.	.	.	.	.	Apr. 23	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 43 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
Charles H. Loring	.	.	.	.	.	Mar. 13	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. H, 35 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Braintree, Mass.
William H. Murphy	.	.	.	.	.	Apr. 5	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 32 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
Willard J. Dunbar	.	.	.	.	.	May 27	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Weymouth, Mass.
George F. Lord	.	.	.	.	.	June 18	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 7 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
Augustus Shaw	.	.	.	.	.	Dec. 30	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Weymouth, Mass.

*Post 61, Webster.*

Munroe W. Ide	.	.	.	.	.	June 14	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. G, 1 R. I. Cavalry	.	.	.	.	Douglas, Mass.
Michael Schofield	.	.	.	.	.	Sept. 16	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 61 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Ireland.

*Post 62, Newtonville.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
George Phillips	Feb. 5	Private	Co. C, 29 Conn. Infantry	Woodbury, Conn.
James W. Beasley	Feb. 18	First Lieutenant	Co. G, 40 Indiana Infantry	Decatur, Ohio.
Samuel A. Langley	Nov. 6	Private	13 Mass. Infantry	Providence, R. I.
Charles L. Steele	Dec. 3	Private	Co. A, 44 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.

*Post 63, Natick.*

John Engel	Feb. 16	Private	Co. G, 6 Mass. Infantry	Dover, N. H.
Daniel C. Felton	Dec. 2	Private	Co. F, 18 Mass. Infantry	Needham, Mass.
E. J. Childs	Dec. 24	Private	Co. H, 39 Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, Mass.

*Post 64, Clinton.*

C. W. Houghton	May 22	Private	Co. D, 2 Heavy Artillery	Sterling, Mass.
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*Post 66, Medford.*

Albert G. Webb	Mar. 21	Private	Co. D, 43 Mass. Infantry	So. Dedham, Mass.
Milton F. Roberts	Apr. 24	Private	Co. C, 39 Mass. Infantry	Medford, Mass.
William Bray	July 19	Landsman	U. S. Navy	Lynn, Mass.
Isaac H. Gardner	Aug. 8	Private	Co. K, 13 N. H. Infantry	Dennysville, Me.
Arthur D. Pickering	Oct. 27	Private	Co. D, 26 Mass. Battery	Sturbridge, Mass.
Joseph A. Chapin	Dec. 8	Private	9th Mass. Light Artillery	Newport, N. H.

*Post 67, Manchester.*

John G. Lucas	Oct. 19	Corporal	Co. D, 24 Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, Mass.
Edwin P. Stanley	Dec. 27	Private	Co. H, 19 Mass. Infantry	Manchester, Mass.



*Post 68, Dorchester.*

James L. Hovey	.	.	.	.	Jan. 23	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 44 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Boston, Mass.
Warren T. Wild	.	.	.	.	Apr. 29	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 7 Mass. Infantry	.	.	-
Edward J. Lennon	.	.	.	.	May 1	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 11 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Ireland.
Thomas Davis	.	.	.	.	Sept. 10	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 16 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Boston, Mass.
Frank W. Willey	.	.	.	.	Oct. 3	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 20 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Newmarket, N. H.
Randal E. Young	.	.	.	.	Oct. 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 22 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Lincolnville, Me.
Kilburn G. Kendall	.	.	.	.	Dec. 7	Ordinary Seaman	.	.	.	Co. G, 26 Maine Infantry	.	.	Farmington, Me.
										U. S. S. "Niagara" and "Sabine"	.	.	

*Post 70, Millbury.*

Lyman S. Waters	.	.	.	.	Apr. 9	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 36 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Millbury, Mass.
Joseph A. Harris	.	.	.	.	Aug. 3	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 36 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Millbury, Mass.

*Post 71, Holyoke.*

Joseph Barslow	.	.	.	.	Apr. 24	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 16th N. Y. Infantry	.	.	Keseville, N. Y.
E. W. Wellington	.	.	.	.	June 29	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 46 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Clinton, Mass.
Leander Pelott	.	.	.	.	Dec. 8	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 123 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	Canada.
Albert Loring	.	.	.	.	Jan. 29	Captain	.	.	.	Battery C, 10th U. S. Heavy Artillery	.	.	Norridgewock, Me.
						Brevet Major	.	.	.		.	.	

*Post 72, Stoughton.*

James H. Warden	.	.	.	.	Jan. 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 5 Vt. Infantry	.	.	Vergennes, Vt.
Melvin O. Walker	.	.	.	.	Feb. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 45 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Livermore Falls, Me.
Henry J. Earle	.	.	.	.	Feb. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 1 Vt. Cavalry	.	.	Cavendish, Vt.
William H. Blanchard	.	.	.	.	June 2	Seaman	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Roanoke," "Massachusetts" and "Flag"	.	.	Boston, Mass.
Edward Gilgan	.	.	.	.	July 31	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 4 Mass. Cavalry	.	.	Ireland.
Jarvis Allen	.	.	.	.	Aug. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 62 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Stoughton, Mass.
George O. Wentworth	.	.	.	.	Oct. 16	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 13 Iowa Infantry	.	.	South Berwick, Me.
Hiram E. Gay	.	.	.	.	Nov. 28	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 4 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Stoughton, Mass.
							.	.	.	23 Unattached Infantry	.	.	

*Post 73, Abington.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Edward B. Hooker	Jan. 18	Private	Co. G, 12th Mass. Infantry	Abington, Mass.
Henry L. Cushing	-	Private	Co. H, 11th U. S. Infantry	-
Elbert Hobart	Dec., 1923	Musician	Co. H, 1st U. S. Infantry	-

*Post 74, Rockland.*

William S. Daby	Jan. 9	Private	Co. C, 41 Mass. Infantry	Halifax, Mass.
Wilson D. Doane	Apr. 2	Private	Co. A, 40 Mass. Infantry	Wellesfleet, Mass.
William D. Arnold	June 19	Private	Co. G, 43 Mass. Infantry	Abington, Mass.

*Post 78, Whitman.*

Geo. R. Marshall	Jan. 7	Private	Co. G, 4 Regular U. S. Army	Newport, R. I.
Alonzo H. Griswold	June 16	Private	Co. B, 2 Mass. Infantry	Montreal, Canada.
Samuel J. Fletcher	July 11	Private	Co. H, 15 Mass. Infantry	Salem, Me.
Edwin B. Cook	Sept. 1	Private	Co. I, 4 Mass. Infantry	Braintree, Mass.
Jacob L. Batchelder	Oct. 13	Private	Co. B, 25 Mass. Infantry	Quincy, Mass.
Isaac M. Irish	Sept. 12	Private	Co. C, 23 Me. Infantry	Hardford, Me.

*Post 79, North Adams.*

Albert E. James	Mar. 19	Landsmen	U. S. Navy	Stockport, N. Y.
Addison E. Canfield	Oct. 21	Private	Co. I, 91 N. Y. Infantry	Canaan, N. Y.
J. Henry Orr	Nov. 30	Private	Co. D, 5 N. Y. Cavalry	North Adams, Mass.

*Post 80, Westborough.*

George A. Macker	.	.	.	.	Mar. 21	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. G, 15 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Medway, Mass.
John Demay	.	.	.	.	May 12	Private	.	.	.	Co. E, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	Southborough, Mass.
Eugene L. Warren	.	.	.	.	May 17	Private	.	.	.	Co. G, 15 U. S. Infantry	.	.	Hartford, Ct. Mass.
Augustus F. Nichols	.	.	.	.	July 2	Private	.	.	.	6 Mass. Unattached Company	.	.	Westborough, Mass.
Austin C. Stearns	.	.	.	.	July 8	Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. K, 13 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Upton, Mass.
J. Alpheus Gilmore	.	.	.	.	Sept. 30	Private	.	.	.	6 Mass. Unattached Company	.	.	Westborough, Mass.
January Lebeau	.	.	.	.	Dec. 15	Private	.	.	.	6 Mass. Unattached Company	.	.	Quebec, Canada.

*Post 81, Watertown.*

Charles L. Campbell	.	.	.	.	Jan. 21	First Lieutenant	.	.	.	Co. H, 38 Ohio Infantry	.	.	Beverly, Ohio.
William A. Judson	.	.	.	.	Apr. 12	Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. G, 112 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	Portland, N. Y.

*Post 82, Marblehead.*

Nathaniel Rogers	.	.	.	.	Jan. 16	Private	.	.	.	Co. G, 14 Mass. Regulars	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Andrew Fahey	.	.	.	.	Jan. 17	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 8 Mass. Regulars	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Alfred M. Nichols	.	.	.	.	Jan. 25	Private	.	.	.	Co. C, 8 Mass. Regulars	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Benjamin Rose	.	.	.	.	Feb. 11	Private	.	.	.	27 Mass. Unattached Infantry	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Charles L. Eustis	.	.	.	.	Mar. 20	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 4 Mass. Regulars	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
William F. Litchman	.	.	.	.	May 27	Private	.	.	.	10 Mass. Battery	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Joseph W. Butman	.	.	.	.	Nov. 2	Private	.	.	.	10 Mass. Battery	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Richard G. Goldsmith	.	.	.	.	Dec. 12	Private	.	.	.		.	.	Marblehead, Mass.

*Post 85, Ware.*

John B. Ireland	.	.	.	.	Apr. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. K, 8 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	.	.	N. Y. State.
Amable Gareau	.	.	.	.	May 13	Quartermaster	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Tobb"	.	.	Canada.

*Post 86, Northampton.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Henry H. Field . . . . .	Sept. 7	Corporal	Co. H, 37th Mass. Infantry . . . . .	North Hatfield, Mass.
Charles D. Jones . . . . .	Oct. 24	Private	Co. G, 6th Vt. Infantry . . . . .	Windsor, Vt.
John Phinney . . . . .	Dec. 1	Private	Co. A, 18th Conn. Infantry . . . . .	Canterbury, Conn.
Hugh Fitzgerald . . . . .	Dec. 1	Q. M. Sergeant	1st N. Y. Cavalry . . . . .	Ireland.
John P. Thompson . . . . .	Dec. 23	Private	Co. M, 1st Me. Cavalry . . . . .	Bangor, Me.

*Post 87, Braintree.*

George D. Willis . . . . .	Apr. 5	Private	Co. I, 42 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Braintree, Mass.
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*Post 88, Quincy.*

Samuel D. De Forest . . . . .	June 18	Private	Co. D, 39 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Jersey City, N. J.
Francis P. Loud . . . . .	Aug. 22	Musician	2nd and 58th Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Weymouth, Mass.
William J. Eagan . . . . .	Oct. 2	Private	Co. E, 7th R. I. Infantry . . . . .	Albany, N. Y.
William M. Bird . . . . .	Oct. 26	Private	Co. G, 42nd Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Dorchester, Mass.
Alzamoud Maxwell . . . . .	Nov. 29	Private	Co. B, 60th Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Marlboro, N. H.
			Co. A, 29th Maine Infantry . . . . .	

*Post 89, Beverly.*

John T. Gilbert . . . . .	Jan. 2	Private	2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	-
Charles F. Davis . . . . .	Feb. 11	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	-
John G. Munsey . . . . .	Mar. 6	Corporal	2 Unattached Company . . . . .	-
John H. Dennis . . . . .	Sept. 22	Private	Co. E, 8 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	-
George A. Morwatt . . . . .	Sept. 30	Private	Co. E, 8 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	-
Benjamin F. Carries . . . . .	Oct. 17	Private	Co. H, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	-
George H. Elliot . . . . .	Dec. 23	Private	2 Mass. Unattached Company . . . . .	-



*Post 90, Danvers.*

Alexander Murray	.	.	.	.	June 4	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 44 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Nova Scotia.
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*Post 92, Brighton.*

James E. Wood	.	.	.	.	Nov. 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 57 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Flushing, N. Y.
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*Post 95, Saugus.*

Moses Henry Johnson	.	.	.	.	Feb. 22	Orderly, Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. D, 33 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Stoneham, Mass.
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*Post 99, Andover.*

William B. Morse	.	.	.	.	Jan. 17	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Andover, Mass.
George W. Chandler	.	.	.	.	Apr. 24	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	Andover, Mass.

*Post 101, Groveland.*

Abbott L. Lane	.	.	.	.	Apr. 17	Landsman	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Bermuda"	.	.	.	.	Newburyport, Mass.
Albert L. Hardy	.	.	.	.	Aug. 26	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 3 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Groveland, Mass.
John A. Day	.	.	.	.	Sept. 22	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 22 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boxford, Mass.

*Post 102, Milton.*

Albert H. Plummer	.	.	.	.	Jan. 18	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Canaan, N. H.
Jedediah Strangman	.	.	.	.	June 2	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. E, 1 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Georgetown, P. E. I.
George Shields	.	.	.	.	Nov. 25	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, 43 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Dorchester, Mass.

*Post 104, Hingham.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Justin A. Carver . . . . .	June 7	Private	Co. C., 24 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	East Marshfield, Mass.

*Post 108, Georgetown.*

Charles Winch . . . . .	May -	Captain	N. H. Regiment . . . . .	-
Geo. Woodbury . . . . .	May 18	-	Co. M., 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	-
Richard R. Foster . . . . .	Dec. -	Sergeant	Co. C., 19 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	-

*Post 110, Randolph.*

George F. Reynolds . . . . .	July 5	Private	Co. B, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . . .	-
Samuel M. Clark . . . . .	July 14	Private	Co. E, 35 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Randolph, Mass.
Joshua Horton . . . . .	Nov. 29	Corporal	Co. I, 4 U. S. Artillery . . . . .	Middleborough, Mass.

*Post 112, Norvell.*

Jacob B. Sulham . . . . .	May 25	Private	{ Co. A, 10 Mass. Battery . . . . . 16 Mass. Infantry . . . . . }	Newbury, Vt.
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*Post 113, Boston.*

Nathaniel Wales . . . . .	June 18	Major	35th Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Boston, Mass.
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*Post 115, Groton.*

Charles H. Torrey . . . . .	Mar. 20	Private	Co. B, 6 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Pepperell, Mass.
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*Post 116, Gardner.*

Eben M. Coffin	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. G, 5 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Burnham, Me.
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*Post 118, Swampscott.*

George Newhall	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. F, 23 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Salem, Mass.
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*Post 119, Lexington.*

Thomas Burke	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 33 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
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*Post 120, Lowell.*

Lucien B. Fellows	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 9 N. H. Vol.	.	.	.	.	Dorchester, N. H.
Charles W. Brown	.	.	.	.	.	Ordinary Seaman	.	.	.	.	U. S. S. "powhatan"	.	.	.	.	Belfast, Me.
Charles C. Blaisdell	.	.	.	.	.	Corporal	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 1st N. H. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Ossipee, N. H.
Samuel J. Loverain	.	.	.	.	.	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. G, 7 Mass. Light Artillery	.	.	.	.	Lowell, Mass.
John P. Green	.	.	.	.	.	Corporal	.	.	.	.	Co. H, 33 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Carlisle, Mass.
George W. Hunt	.	.	.	.	.	Coal Passer	.	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Housatonic"	.	.	.	.	Westford, Mass.

*Post 121, Hyde Park.*

William Coulahan	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 61 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Roxbury, Mass.
Franklin H. Dean	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 45 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Southbridge, Mass.

*Post 123, Athol.*

Wm. I. Barnes	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 36 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Richmond, N. H.
J. A. Battersby	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	14 Mass. Light Artillery	.	.	.	.	Framingham, Mass.
Geo. W. Stevens	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 31st Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Athol, Mass.
L. B. Morse	.	.	.	.	.	Musican Band	.	.	.	.	27 Mass. Band	.	.	.	.	Athol, Mass.

*Post 125, Pittsfield.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
James McKenna . . . . .	Mar. 2	Private	Co. K, 8 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Anson L. Middlebush . . . . .	May 8	Private	Co. C, 61 Mass. Infantry	Mass.
Paul N. Barrett . . . . .	June 13	Private	Co. B, 49 Mass. Infantry	Canada.
John Tucker . . . . .	July 16	Private	Co. K, 16 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Mass.
Peter Powers . . . . .	July 21	Private	Co. K, 27 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
			Co. C, 24th Mass. Infantry	

*Post 127, Hanson.*

Gibson Beal . . . . .	May 13	Private	24 Mass. Unattached Company	Hanson, Mass.
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*Post 128, Ipswich.*

Luther Wait . . . . .	June 9	Private	Co. A, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Ipswich, Mass.
Henry F. Dannels . . . . .	Sept. 10	Master's Mate	U. S. S. "Minnesota" and "Agawam"	Ipswich, Mass.

*Post 130, Medway.*

D. Newton Blake . . . . .	Apr. 10	Private	Co. B, 42 Mass. Infantry	Mendon, Mass.
Chas. M. Deeper . . . . .	May 6	Private	Co. E, 2 Mass. Infantry	Medway, Mass.

*Post 132, Sandwich.*

James Hiram Jones . . . . .	Oct. 24	Private	Co. I, 24 Mass. Infantry	Barnstable, Mass.
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*Post 134, Boston.*

Thomas H. Young	.	.	.	.	Nov. 10	Landsman	.	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Tahama"	.	.	.	.	Island of St. Helena,
Berry Golder	.	.	.	.	Dec. 25	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 23d U. S. Colored Troops	.	.	.	.	W. Va.

*Post 135, Shrewsbury.*

William O. Bement	.	.	.	.	May 10	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 134th Ind. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Conn.
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*Post 138, West Acton.*

George T. Ames	.	.	.	.	Mar. 15	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 6 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Lowell, Mass.
Oscar E. Preston	.	.	.	.	Oct. 14	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 6 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Ipswich, N. H.

*Post 139, Somerville.*

John E. Fuller	.	.	.	.	Jan. 8	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 39th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Horton, N. S.
Hiram R. Hill	.	.	.	.	Feb. 4	Master's Mate	.	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	.	.	.	Charlestown, Mass.
Samuel R. Teale	.	.	.	.	Feb. 23	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 26th and 47th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Somerville, Mass.
George K. Walcott	.	.	.	.	Mar. 13	Bugler	.	.	.	.	14th Mass. Battery	.	.	.	.	Brighton, Mass.
Hiram A. Turner	.	.	.	.	Apr. 24	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 3d Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	Bath, Me.
Caleb A. Page	.	.	.	.	Apr. 24	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 5th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.
George E. Morris	.	.	.	.	May 6	Private	.	.	.	.	22d Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.
William F. Hall	.	.	.	.	May 20	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 36th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.
Othniel M. Pote	.	.	.	.	Aug. 27	Private	.	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	.	.	.	Charlestown, Mass.
Amasa Gray	.	.	.	.	Sept. 28	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 12th R. I. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Marblehead, Mass.
Albert W. Mann	.	.	.	.	Oct. 1	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Little Compton, R. I.
Edwin J. Smith	.	.	.	.	Oct. 10	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 25th Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.
John F. Locke	.	.	.	.	Nov. 26	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 39th Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Waterford, Me.
Warren R. Tarbox	.	.	.	.	Nov. 26	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 5th Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	Boston, Mass.
																Biddeford, Me.

*Post 140, Athol.*

A. C. White	.	.	.	.	Mar. 3	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 53 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	Royalston, Mass.
C. O. Turner	.	.	.	.	Aug. -	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. H, 15 Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	-
A. C. Wells	.	.	.	.	Sept. 28	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 22 Wis. Infantry	.	.	.	.	-

*Post 143, Brookline.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Edward Devetere . . . .	July -	Private	Co. C, 30 Mass. Infantry . . . .	Belgium.

*Post 144, Dedham.*

William H. Clement . . . .	June 25	Corporal	Co. C, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . . .	Dedham, Mass.
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*Post 145, Attleboro.*

Jacob G. Estee . . . .	Apr. 27 <sup>1</sup>	Private	18 Unattached Co. . . .	-
Laban P. Smith . . . .	Jan. 30	Private	Co. I, 17 Mass. Infantry . . . .	-
A. Frank Cladin . . . .	Sept. 13	Private	Co. C, 47 Mass. Infantry . . . .	-
Edgar W. Guild . . . .	Sept. 20	Private	Co. H, 40 Mass. Infantry . . . .	-
Edgar A. Freeman . . . .	Nov. 9	Private	Co. D, 6 Vt. Infantry . . . .	-
E. J. Miller . . . .	Mar. 29	Private	Co. D, 6 Vt. Infantry . . . .	-

*Post 146, Lawrence.*

Dennison Corliss . . . .	Feb. 16	Private	Co. A, 1 N. H. Heavy Artillery . . . .	New Hampshire.
William Manson . . . .	Sept. 26	Private	Co. C, 117 N. Y. Infantry . . . .	Canada.

*Post 151, West Newbury.*

Randall B. Curtis . . . .	Apr. 23	Private	Co. D, 17 Mass. Infantry . . . .	Amesbury, Mass.
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*Post 152, Essex.*

J. Horace Burnham . . . . .	Dec. 8	Private	. . . . .	Co. A, 39 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Essex, Mass.
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*Post 156, Everett.*

Edmund O. Knox . . . . .	Mar. 16	Private	. . . . .	Co. G, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	. . . . .	Exeter, Me.
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*Post 157, Walpole.*

Isaac Miller . . . . .	July 13	Private	. . . . .	Co. B, 42 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Boston, Mass.
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*Post 161, Woburn.*

Frank A. Winn . . . . .	Mar. 24	Private	. . . . .	Co. D, 23 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Chicopee, Mass.
Elias W. Adams . . . . .	July 24	Private	. . . . .	Co. F, 18 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Randolph, Mass.
George E. Brown . . . . .	Nov. 26	Private	. . . . .	Co. H, 56 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Billerica, Mass.
				Co. D, 33 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	

*Post 163, Framingham.*

William S. Fay . . . . .	Mar. 27	Private	. . . . .	Co. C, 25 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Southborough, Mass.
Moses Jargess . . . . .	June 5	Private	. . . . .	Co. F, 12 Maine Infantry	. . . . .	-
Charles S. Field . . . . .	Aug. 9	Private	. . . . .	Co. B, 44 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Amesbury, Mass.

*Post 165, Duxbury.*

Alphonse Bonin . . . . .	Feb. 11	Private	. . . . .	Co. B, 7 Vermont Infantry	. . . . .	Canada.
Lewis M. Bailey . . . . .	Aug. 16	Private	. . . . .	Co. I, 4 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Duxbury, Mass.
Benjamin G. Cahoon . . . . .	Nov. 7	Ensign	. . . . .	Frigate "Macedonia"	. . . . .	Harwich, Mass.

*Post 167, Whitinsville.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
L. B. Carr . . . . .	Jan. 20	Private	Co. I, 51st Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Blackstone, Mass.

*Post 168, Southbridge.*

Orrin J. Aldrich . . . . .	Aug. 21	Private	Co. I, 25 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Douglas, Mass.
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*Post 169, Norwood.*

Henry A. Clough . . . . .	Mar. 23	Private	Co. I, 1 N. H. Cavalry . . . . .	Hanover, N. H.
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*Post 170, Mansfield.*

Andrew Moran . . . . .	Feb. 13	Private	Co. H, 11 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Portsmouth, N. H.
Harrison Phillips . . . . .	June 10	Corporal	Co. K, 5 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Mansfield, Mass.
Charles H. Draper . . . . .	Nov. 23	Private	Co. K, 8 California Infantry . . . . .	Newport, R. I.
Henry C. Blossom . . . . .	Dec. 2	Captain	Co. H, 58 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Barnstable, Mass.

*Post 173, Fiskdale.*

Baxter C. Bennett . . . . .	Mar. 17	Private	Co. G, 46 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Holland.
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*Post 174, Greenfield.*

Mark Bullard . . . . .	May 22	Private	Co. A, 52 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Wendell, Mass.
Edward W. Savage . . . . .	Sept. 28	Private	Co. E, 34 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Montague City, Mass.
W. N. Sessions . . . . .	Oct. 15	Private	Co. K, 60 Mass. Infantry . . . . .	Rowe, Mass.
J. H. Stowe . . . . .	Oct. 29	Private	Co. H, 8 Vt. Infantry . . . . .	Wilmington, Vt.



*Post 176, Huntington.*

Edward M. Pomeroy . . . . .	Apr. 14	Private	. . . . .	Co. C, 46 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Becket, Mass.
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*Post 180, Concord.*

George M. Bowker . . . . .	Jan. 9	Seaman; Master at Arms	. . . . .	U. S. S. "Hasca"	. . . . .	-
William Jenness . . . . .	Apr. 8	Private	. . . . .	Co. D, 17 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	-
Edward H. Maher . . . . .	July 3	Private	. . . . .	Co. D, 19 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	-

*Post 182, Somerset.*

William H. Seaver . . . . .	July 9	Landsman	. . . . .	U. S. Navy	. . . . .	Boston, Mass.
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*Post 184, Ashburnham.*

Walter O. Parker . . . . .	Sept. 19	Musician	. . . . .	Co. H, 34 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Ashburnham, Mass.
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*Post 185, Lowell.*

Theodore F. Gardner . . . . .	Jan. 1	Private	. . . . .	Co. G, 6 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Orrington, Me.
Seymour L. Kneeland . . . . .	Feb. 6	Sergeant	. . . . .	Co. E, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	. . . . .	Waterbury, Vt.
Frank Hoyt . . . . .	Feb. 29	Private	. . . . .	Co. C, 1 Vt. Cavalry	. . . . .	Lowell, Mass.
Oscar J. Pearson . . . . .	July 20	Drummer	. . . . .	Co. G, 20th Me. Infantry	. . . . .	Norway.
Marshall F. Smith . . . . .	Sept. 1	Private	. . . . .	Co. F, 2 Mass. Infantry	. . . . .	Hopkinton, Mass.
Albert Hamblett . . . . .	Sept. 6	Private	. . . . .	Co. H, 9 Me. Infantry	. . . . .	Lowell, Mass.
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*Post 188, Beverly Farms.*

Milton F. Larcom . . . . .	Feb. 4	Private	. . . . .	1 Mass. Unattached Company	. . . . .	Beverly Farms, Mass.
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*Post 189, Marshfield.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
William W. Randall	Aug. 2	Private	Co. G, 18 Mass. Infantry	Parkman, Maine.
Calvin O. Hatch	Oct. 31	Private	Co. F, 43 Mass. Infantry	Marshfield, Mass.

*Post 190, New Bedford.*

James H. Tallman	Jan. 7	Private	15 Unattached Company	New Bedford, Mass.
Gilbert M. Jennings	Jan. 8	Corporal	Co. H, 38 Mass. Infantry	Dartmouth, Mass.
Nelson B. Hinkley	Feb. 28	Landsmen	U. S. S. "Chocura"	Gardiner, Maine.
J. Henry Smead	Mar. 1	Private	Co. A, 52 Mass. Infantry	Greenfield, Mass.
William Befuhs	Mar. 16	Private	Co. A, 14 U. S. Infantry	Oppase, Bavaria.
Henry M. Gifford	Mar. 16	Private	Co. K, 3 Mass. Infantry	Falmouth, Mass.
Thomas J. Gifford	May 10	1st Lieutenant	Co. E, 19 Unattached Infantry	Dartmouth, Mass.
		Private	3 Mass. Infantry	
Charles W. Gelett	May 29	Private	Co. E, 19 Unatt. Co. Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
Theodore S. Morse	July 27	Mate	U. S. Navy	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Frederick H. Smith	Aug. 8	Private	Co. I, 18 Mass. Infantry	Dartmouth, Mass.
David Brown	Aug. 13	Musician	Co. D, 20 Mass. Infantry	New York City.
Edmund B. Smith	Aug. 31	Private	Co. H, 18 Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, Mass.
Nathan S. Gibbs	Sept. 19	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Cavalry	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Noah W. Morgan	Oct. 27	Seaman	U. S. S. "Niagara"	North Carolina.
George A. Jenks	Nov. 2	Private	Co. F, 5 Wisconsin Infantry	Fall River, Mass.
William D. Ryder	Nov. 7	Sergeant	Co. B, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Fall River, Mass.

*Post 191, Boston.*

John G. Wiggin	Mar. 1	-	99 New York Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Geo. W. Pope	July 30	-	11 Mass. Battery	Boston, Mass.
Geo. O. Noyes	Nov. 24	Corporal	U. S. Navy	So. Boston, Mass.
			Co. K, 38 Mass. Infantry	

*Post 192, North Attleborough.*

Henry G. S. Struck	.	.	.	.	June 4	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 11 Maine Infantry	.	.	.	.	Christiania, Norway.
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*Post 194, Reading.*

Samuel Metcalf	.	.	.	.	Oct. 9	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 11 Iowa Infantry	.	.	.	.	Lowell, Vermont.
Moses E. Nichols	.	.	.	.	May 25	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. M, 3 R. I. Heavy Artillery	.	.	.	.	No. Reading, Mass.

*Post 195, Pepperell.*

Henry C. Thurston	.	.	.	.	Apr. 1	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. L, 10 N. Y. Cavalry	.	.	.	.	Monmouth, Me.
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*Post 197, Pittsfield.*

Simson Boshu	.	.	.	.	Aug. 4	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 7 N. Y. Artillery	.	.	.	.	Canada.
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*Post 199, Revere.*

Charles H. Moore	.	.	.	.	Nov. 24	Teamster	.	.	.	.	1 Maine Cavalry	.	.	.	.	Lewiston, Me.
Francis H. Prescott	.	.	.	.	Jan. 2	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. H, 4 Mass. Unattached Company	.	.	.	.	So. Boston, Mass.

*Post 200, Jamaica Plain.*

B. Frank Appleby	.	.	.	.	Jan. 14	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. E, 22 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	.
A. W. Crosby	.	.	.	.	Feb. 12	Private	.	.	.	.	23 Ind. Infantry	.	.	.	.	.
Joseph E. Page	.	.	.	.	Apr. 3	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	.
M. W. Powers	.	.	.	.	May 11	Private	.	.	.	.	9 Mass. Infantry	.	.	.	.	.
John Kelleher	.	.	.	.	May 18	Private	.	.	.	.	29 Me. Infantry	.	.	.	.	.
William G. Whitney	.	.	.	.	Nov. 29	Private	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.

*Post 203, Bourne.*

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Albert L. Wheeler	June 10	Private	Co. D, 45 Mass. Infantry	Sandwich, Mass.

*Post 208, Wareham.*

Thomas T. Hopkins	May 8	Private	Co. F, 2nd R. I. Infantry	East Greenwich, R. I.
Charles K. Greer	June 8	Private	Co. K, 1st Mass. Infantry	Belmont, Me.
Martin A. Bumpus	Sept. 1	Private	Co. A, 11th R. I. Infantry	Wareham, Mass.
David S. Swift	Sept. 3	Private	Co. A, 11th R. I. Infantry	Wareham, Mass.

*Post 209, Williamstown.*

James W. McLean	Sept. 29	Private	Co. H, 21 N. Y. Cavalry	Petersburg, N. Y.
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*Post 212, East Bridgewater.*

Petrigrin W. Poole	June 24	Private	Co. C, 38 Mass. Infantry	Pembroke, Maine.
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Commander: "The next business in order will be the report of the Senior Vice-Commander."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, as all the other reports are in print I move that the present reading of them be dispensed with." [This motion was seconded and carried.]

Commander: "You will now listen to the announcement of the Regular Committees of the convention by the Assistant Adjutant-General."

**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.**

Comrade Stanley Dearborn, Post 12; James H. Webb, Post 88; Charles E. Morey, Post 10.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.**

Past Dept. Commanders Horace Goodwin, Henry Clark, and Alfred H. Knowles.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.**

P. D. Commanders John D. Billings, Henry A. Monk, Post 87, and Comrade T. W. Shapleigh, Post 62.

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Comrades John J. Sheehan, Post 15; E. G. Frothingham, Post 47; Joshua S. Gray, Post 74; Samuel E. Clark, Post 29; J. H. Webb of Post 88.

**COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.**

Past Dept. Commander Edwin F. Morrill, Chairman.

*District No. 1.*

John H. Lawrence, Post 1.

John Gilbert, Post 46.

John W. Bean, Post 145.

*District No. 2.*

George W. Wilder, Post 31.

Alvin Howes, Post 8.

Obed H. Ellis, Post 78.

J. B. Hersey, Post 74.

*District No. 3.*

David Dunbar, Post 58.

John Crawford, Post 13.

William B. Webber, Post 143.

*District No. 4.*

George L. Hall, Post 2.

James F. Flynn, Post 26.

William L. Hargraves, Post 191.

*District No. 5.*

Eugene M. Libby, Post 5.

John A. Brackett, Post 146.

W. H. Morgan, Post 89.

*District No. 6.*

J. W. Poland, Post 12.

L. F. Hemingway, Post 9.

George M. Houghton, Post 139.

*District No. 7.*

Edwin J. Foster, Post 10.

O. P. Boss, Post 19.

J. W. Fairbanks Post 80.

*District No. 8.*

Henry H. Hoisington, Post 16.

B. R. Franklin, Post 16.

W. H. Abbott, Post 71.

*District No. 9.*

Charles E. Johnson, Post 197.

W. R. Bardwell Post 86.

John R. Sears, Post 174.

- To Woman's Relief Corps, — P. D. C. Henry Clark and Comrade L. K. Marston, Post 2, Bela Alden, Post 78.  
 To Ladies of the G. A. R., — P. D. C. George W. Pratt, Walter Swan, Post 68, and E. J. Foster, Post 10.  
 To Daughters of Veterans, — Comrades David King, Post 15, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, P. D. C., Edwin F. Morrill, Post 156.  
 To Sons of Veterans, — P. D. C. Alfred H. Knowles; Comrades James F. Flynn, Post 26, and John W. Bean, Post 145.  
 To Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, — Comrades Horace Goodwin, Joseph A. Wiggin, Post 4, and Smith W. Lucas.  
 To Army Nurses, — Comrades Thomas J. Ames, F. S. Peavey, Post 185, and William H. Brown, Post 163.

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, there is a small party outside desiring admittance, and I move you that they be allowed to proceed to this platform immediately." [It is so voted.]

(A delegation from Dahlgren Post 2 of South Boston, consisting of ladies under the escort of Comrade J. P. Bradley is admitted to the convention.)

Comrade Bradley: "Commander Ham, I have a very pleasant and unexpected duty to perform this morning. For a year you have been away from your Post attending the duties of Dept. Commander; but we have kept track of you, and we know how well you have fulfilled those duties. But absence sometimes brings forgetfulness, therefore let me introduce to you Mrs. Isabel Howard, president of Dahlgren Woman's Relief Corps No. 20, and also Mrs. Tuttle of that same organization, and last but not least the Commander of Post 2, Grand Army of the Republic, of which you are a member.

"Something happened fifty years ago today that all of us do not remember, but the ladies always remember such things; and it is my great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle, who has a word to say regarding what did happen 50 years ago today and to remind you of it."

Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle: "Comrade Ham of Dahlgren Post 2, a short time ago I read in the paper of a veteran who fifty years ago went to a foreign war. Recently I learned that you, a veteran of fifty years ago, went heart hunting — not in a foreign but in this dear land of ours — and you conquered the heart of a fair maid and 50 years ago today you made her your bride.

"This, we understand, is your golden wedding anniversary day, and Dahlgren Post 2 and the Dahlgren Woman's Relief Corps No. 20 extend to you their hearty congratulations, and wish you to accept this token of their regard and esteem. This box contains gold, — one dollar for each of the fifty years, and it is called pure gold but it is not without alloy — put within it to make it of better use. So, Comrade, although there may have been alloys in your life we think they have made you stronger for the battle. We all wish for you many more years of happiness and joy."

Miss Isabel Howard: "You know it is said that women always want to put on the finishing touch by adding the ornamental to the useful; and so my president wishes me to present to you, Commander Ham, from the Dahlgren Woman's Relief Corps these flowers, the harbingers of Spring (jonquils), and it can be said of them as it was once said of the lilies of the field, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed like one of these.

"May they bring to you sweet memories of the Springtime of youth when you began your married life, and may I tender the best wishes of the Dahlgren Relief Corps for you and your wife; and may the yellow of these flowers and the yellow of this gold blend together into one harmonious whole."

Commander Ham: "Ladies of our Relief Corps, Comrade Bradley has stated that I have been absent from my Post many times during the year which is true, but I will inform him and the ladies that 'absence makes the heart grow fonder.'

"That is not the case though with the splendid woman who has stood by my side for fifty years, and the tears that come to my eyes are not those of sorrow but of joy. When I look back to the days when I took that noble woman to my heart

and home and think of the many blessings that Almighty God has vouchsafed us during the last fifty years, my heart goes up in gratitude to the Giver of all good for the many blessings that He has showered on me and mine.

"Now, my Comrades and Ladies of the Relief Corps, may the blessings of heaven rest on thee, and for the gifts of gold and flowers I can only say — God bless you."

Comrade Bradley: "I think we all want to say — Amen!"

Commander L. K. Marston, Post 2: "I want to add that in our hearts and thoughts is thankfulness for your association with us, and also that we hope it will be for many years that we may enjoy your presence."

Comrade Billings: "I move that when we adjourn it be to meet here again at 2 o'clock." [Seconded and so voted.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "And before we adjourn I desire to move that the first business of the afternoon session be the election of officers for the ensuing year." [Seconded and so voted.]

"And I want to say just a word about one or two matters. One is for the Post Commanders to see to it that their Adjutants do their duties. Nearly half of the reports sent in with credentials made no mention of any Past Post-commanders who are entitled to seats in this encampment. As a consequence of that I have had to make out and go through the list fifteen or twenty times since then, making up the extra names. Now, please notify your Adjutants that the living Past Post-commanders are eligible to seats in this encampment or any other encampment, and their names must be sent in with the names of the delegates when they come in.

"In regard to per capita tax there seems to be a great variety of opinions. The per capita tax that you are to pay the 1st of July, due June 30th, is payable on the membership of the preceding December 31st. There is no report to come with that, but simply the tax with a letter to me saying you are sending it; just send the amount on that paper and no more. I had one Post send three dollars more than it ought to. December is the time you send your annual Report, and then you give your membership on what is actually in good standing in your Post — on that date."

Encampment adjourns to 2 o'clock P.M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

APRIL 7, 1925.

Commander: "You will now listen to the report of the chairman of the Committee on Credentials."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, the report of the Committee on Credentials is as follows:

Whole number of comrades present	350
Department Commander	1
Senior and Junior Vice	2
Past Dept. Commanders	10
Commanders of Posts	82
Other Department officers	8
Senior and junior commanders	77
Past commanders of Posts	69
Representatives	101

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Commander: "Comrades, you have heard the report of your Committee, and if there is no objection it will be placed on file as given."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Just one word in behalf of our Home at Newtonville. I want to thank the various Posts of this Department for having been so good to us there. We have a splendid Home which is full now, and we have a waiting-list of 21. You know we are kept agoing by the generous contributions of the Posts and of our allied organizations; the Sons of Veterans have done very handsomely for us, — they presented us with a \$225 Radio just two or three weeks ago, and one Camp of Sons of Veterans in Cambridge a \$725 Chickering grand piano. We have a small surplus and have been able to keep the Home in good shape, by contributions from many of the Posts, Corps, Circles, Tents, Camps and Auxiliaries.



"Now, if there are comrades here and Posts that have not yet helped us, I wish you would come out there and see what a splendid work we are doing; for if you come I believe that you will do as other Posts have done and contribute liberally to its support. I desire to thank you for what you have given already, for it has been of substantial help, and I know you have been happy in so doing."

Commander: "You have listened, Comrades, to your Assistant Adjutant General, and I would recommend that you take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly."

"The next business in order will be the election of officers, and first there should be the nomination of a Commander for the ensuing year."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander and Comrades, for two years I have placed a comrade in nomination for the posts of Junior and Senior Vice-commander. If there was more than one candidate I should not think of standing here now and nominating anyone, because headquarters does not enter into elections or nominations at all. But, as far as I know, there is but one candidate, and I believe that all of you are ready to cast your ballots for him; so I take pleasure — and it is a pleasure, I assure you — in placing in nomination a comrade who has made himself beloved by every member of our order that ever met him. He is a royal good fellow; he has been a good soldier, and he never shirks a duty. He is likewise a good citizen, prominent in his town and in town offices; and without further words I am going to place before you, for the position of Department Commander, comrade William L. Gage, now Senior Vice-commander." [This nomination is duly seconded.]

Commander: "You have heard the nomination of Comrade Gage for commander for the ensuing year; are there any other nominations." [It is moved that nominations be closed, which is seconded and carried.]

Comrade J. W. Fairbanks, Post 80: "As there is but one candidate I move that the Assistant Adjutant General cast one ballot bearing the name of Comrade William L. Gage for Department Commander." [Seconded and voted unanimously.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "In accordance with your vote I have the pleasure of depositing this ballot bearing the name of William L. Gage of Post 87, of South Braintree the choice of this Encampment for its Commander." [Applause.]

Commander: "By your action you have elected William L. Gage your commander for the coming year. I will appoint on the committee to present the commander-elect to you Comrade Billings and Past Commander Dr. Gilbert of Fall River."

Comrade Billings: "Department Commander, it is with great pleasure I present to you Commander-elect William L. Gage."

Commander: "Comrade Gage, we welcome you to this position in the Grand Army of the Republic, and with the greatest of pleasure I relinquish the gavel to you. We know your character and manhood; we know of the service you have been to the Grand Army of the Republic in the past; we know also of your Christian character and your love for Him who died on Calvary for the good of mankind, and we believe that you will be a safe pilot for this noble body of men during the coming year, and we all welcome you to this office."

Commander-elect Gage: "Commander and Comrades, until I heard the flattering introductory and nomination speech of my good comrade Wetherbee I hardly knew what a good fellow I was. I have been connected with the Grand Army ever since 1869, but I have never been an aspirant for high office; the office of Junior Vice-commander was 'wished' on to me and I accepted it because I thought I might be of some service to the comrades of the Grand Army."

"It has always been my aim from my earliest membership in the Army to do all I could for the upbuilding of the organization; and it shall be my aim as I go on in life. I hope I may be spared years yet to do you all the good that lies in my power to do. During the past year I have not been as active as I would wish to be, but, as I have told many of the comrades today, I do not know that there has been a time in the past six months I have felt so well as now; I am going all the time and hope to be around many years."

"But you must not in this period of the organization expect too much of your

commander; you must not expect him to answer all the little calls made on him, because you all must realize that we are getting old in years, and when a man gets to be 80 (though I am not quite that, but nearly) it is harder for him to do what he could forty years younger, and the drag on him is too much — more than he can stand if he attempts too much.

"Now I am going to tell you that during this year I am willing to do my level best to accomplish everything I can for the upbuilding of this Department and to make myself at home with all the comrades, visiting them all I possibly can. I feel highly gratified today to see so many present, and that so many have come up to me with a cheerful word and a friendly shake of the hand, saying 'How are you, Billy?' and it makes me feel real good. I appreciate your confidence in the vote given, and, comrades, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me." [Applause.]

Commander: "The next business in order, comrades, will be the election of a Senior Vice-commander and nominations may now be made."

Comrade Knowles, Post 36: "I am pleased to nominate for Senior Vice-commander Comrade Comey, the present Junior Vice-commander." [This nomination is seconded.]

Commander: "The name of Comrade Comey is before you. Are there any other nominations?"

Comrade Clark, Post 36: "I move that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one vote for Comrade Comey as Senior Vice-commander." [Seconded and carried.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, I place in your hands one ballot bearing the name of Henry N. Comey, for the office of Senior Vice-Commander."

Commander: "Comrades, by your unanimous vote you have elected Henry N. Comey, and the next business in order is the election of a Junior Vice."

Comrade Wilder, Post 31: "There is but one comrade I know of in the field for the office of Junior Vice and I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant General, cast one ballot bearing the name of William F. Brown of Post 163 for Junior Vice-commander for the ensuing year." [This nomination seconded and so voted.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, I place in your hands one ballot bearing the name of William F. Brown."

Commander: "Comrades, you have elected Comrade Brown of Post 163, as your Junior Vice-commander of the Department of Massachusetts for the ensuing year. I neglected to have the Senior Vice-commander-elect escorted to the platform, and I now appoint Comrade Knowles to fulfil that function."

Comrade Knowles: "I desire to present to this assembly your new Senior Vice-commander, Comrade Henry N. Comey."

Commander: "Comrade Comey, we welcome you to the office. Your help during the past year in the district of Essex County and that part of Massachusetts has been much appreciated, and we know that your services have been freely given. We are sure that the Department of Massachusetts will have an official that will be a credit to himself and an honor to the Grand Army of the Republic." [Applause.]

Senior Vice-Commander-elect Comey: "Commander and Comrades, I hope that this program may be fully carried out; it will be my endeavor to see that it is, and I shall serve you to the best of my ability. I am glad to again look into your faces; I believe I realize fully what you have done, and that belief carries with it respect and love from an old comrade.

"There has been something said today about Essex County, and there are one or two things historical I would like to allude to but I don't suppose we have the time and so I won't weary you. Perhaps some of you may not remember that John A. Andrew in January, 1861, realized what need there would be for troops to defend Washington, and I have here a copy of his order to all of the militia companies. May I go back a little and tell you why Massachusetts had the first troops in Washington to protect the capitol —"

Commander: "Make it short —"

Comrade Comey: "Perhaps I will omit that and tell a story instead. There was once on a time an old colored man brought up before a judge who gave him the oath: 'Sam, you solemnly swear that you will tell the truth, the whole truth



and nothing but the truth,' and Sam said, 'I will.' 'Then, Sam, what have you got to say for yourself?' 'Well, Judge,' Sam replied, 'the limitations put upon me are such that I think I'd better not say anything.' [Laughter.] Perhaps at some time in the future it will be convenient for me to discuss history, but for the present I thank you for your confidence in electing me to this office." [Applause.]

Commander: "Comrades Wilder and Foster will present to you Comrade William F. Brown your new Junior Vice-Commander-elect."

Comrade Wilder: "I take great pleasure in presenting to you, Commander Ham, and to this Encampment, Junior Vice-commander-elect William F. Brown of Post 173."

Commander: "Comrade Brown, we are honored that we are to have you one of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic for next year. We recognize the largeness of your stature, and we know that your mind and heart must correspond. We welcome you to this office knowing that as you progress you will fulfil the duties of that and all the succeeding offices within the gift of the Encampment with credit to yourself and honor to the Department."

Junior Vice-elect: "Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Massachusetts, in all the conventions for the past forty years, nearly, when I have been in this hall and sat as a delegate it never occurred to me that I should stand on this platform to address the Department of Massachusetts. This winter comrades have come to me and asked me if I would be a candidate for Junior Vice-commander, and I at first refused, but finally they came to me in such a way that I said to Comrade Wilder at a County Association meeting — 'Go ahead and present my name.' He has done so, and I am surprised at the spontaneity of its reception by this Department."

"I belong to no other organization but the Grand Army of the Republic. I enjoy its meetings, and I assure the comrades that I will to the best of my ability perform the duties which will come to me as Junior Vice-commander."

"Comrades, I want to say that our County Associations are to be the meetings of the future; therefore attend your County Association and let's make the meetings, as we used to in times past, more like camp-fires when the Posts get together. I hardly agree that the officers should do all the talking, but let the comrades do it for them, — those who can tell more than I can of army life and experiences; and in this the County Associations should take their turn."

"I sincerely thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me this day, and promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability." [Applause.]

Commander: "The next business in order will be the nomination of a Medical Director for the coming year, and will you please to nominate?"

Comrade Wetherbee: "If there is no other nomination — I would suggest the name of our present Medical Director, Dr. Walter B. Whiting of Post 191 of Boston, and I will place his name in nomination." [Seconded, and also moved that one ballot be cast, carried.]

Commander: "Comrades you have elected Walter B. Whiting, M.D., as Medical Director for the ensuing year; and the next business in due course is the election of a Chaplain."

Comrade Chute, Post 60: "It has been my pleasure previously to nominate a good comrade and a retired Baptist preacher for the position of Dept. Chaplain, and I would again present to you for your consideration and your votes the Rev. George W. Nead of Post 169 of Norwood for that office. He has filled it with marked ability for two years, and I know you will let him do so again. I was talking with him about it this morning, and he acquiesced." [The nomination is seconded.]

Comrade Gage: "I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant General cast one ballot for Comrade Nead." [And it is so voted.]

Comrade Nead: "I want to thank you for this honor conferred upon me once more, and to say that I told the Comrade who nominated me that I thought he could find some one to perform the duties of the office better than I could — that is the way I sanctioned it. But now let me add that if any of you want any spiritual advice at any time and anywhere, just let me know and I will try to be as helpful in that way as Comrade Bradley has been to our Commander the past year."

"There is another thing. Don't listen to people who say you are getting old, for you are not. You are just as old as you feel, and if you lose interest they say you are getting old. But you haven't lost interest in things, have you? — and these lines may be the answer to that question:

I love all things that are good and fair  
And pure and true in earth and air;  
And God, I know, is everywhere,  
So I'm not growing old — are you?" [Applause.]

Commander: "It won't be necessary for Diogenes to search the highways and byways to find a better man for Department Chaplain than the one we have elected. Next we will listen to the report of the Committee on Council of Administration; will the chairman make his report?"

Comrade Sheehan: "The Committee has met, and respectfully submits the following names: David King, Post 15; D. W. Hammond, Post 47; J. W. Poland, Post 12; James H. Webb, Post 88; and William B. Webber, Post 143."

Commander: "The Committee on Council of Administration have attended to their duty and reported as you have heard."

Comrade Gage: "I move that their report be accepted, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to cast one vote bearing these names for the Council of Administration for the ensuing year." [This motion seconded and so voted.]

(At this stage the National Commander-in-Chief was reported to be in attendance, and an escort was appointed consisting of Comrades Billings, Wilder, Pratt, Goodwin and Clark; and straightway the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by Past Commander George E. Hosley, proceeded to the platform.)

Comrade Billings: "Dept. Commander and Comrades, I have the honor and I take great pleasure in presenting to you our beloved Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Louis F. Arensberg of Pittsburgh, Pa."

Commander: "As Commander and in behalf of the Department of Massachusetts I welcome you to our Encampment. You come from a state where coal and iron are the leading commodities, and they enter somewhat, I am sure, into the character of the men; iron and coal, it seems to me, give to every one that comes from the State of Pennsylvania a character distinct from all others, with a power that is felt wherever they go. We know that the power you possess will be felt throughout the Grand Army of the Republic this year."

Commander-in-Chief: "Thank you, Commander Ham."

Commander: "Comrades, it is with pleasure I introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief." [Great applause.]

#### ADDRESS OF LOUIS F. ARENSBERG.

"Commander and Comrades, it affords me exceeding pleasure to be with you today, and to again have the opportunity of looking into your faces — my comrades of Massachusetts. I know of no body of men anywhere that I would rather meet than the comrades from the old Bay State.

"We today are living in an era that should have a peculiar significance to us. It is now about 150 years since this government was first established, or at least the effort was made to establish it. Here in this city transpired certain events that ultimately resolved themselves into a United States of America. I know of no city that is richer in historical incidents connected with the great war of independence than the city of Boston, and I feel as if I could hardly do justice to the situation; for it was a great event, and one of the great crises, that confronted the people of this country at that time.

"But some years later another crisis presented itself and was met by you men — by you Boys — and you met it successfully, just as Washington and those heroic men under him succeeded in settling the questions way back in the 1770's you settled the questions that arose in 1861 by your valor in many fields in the southern part of this country. When I look back and see what you had to confront at that time it almost seems a miracle that we succeeded in maintaining the Union.



The amount of treachery all over the country was almost unfathomable; but we met the issue and carried it to a successful conclusion.

"Now, while we thought we had settled those questions that were agitating the nation at that time; while we thought we were producing decisive results at Appomattox, it seems that even at this late day there are some people in some parts of our country who are not willing to accept the verdict rendered at Appomattox about 60 years ago. These people persist in preaching and acting against the government of the United States. They claim to be citizens of the United States and to be loyal — as loyal as the best of us — but when it comes down to actions their actions belie their words. They still hold up a flag, and they teach their children to — a flag which is nothing but a rebel rag, a flag that should not be allowed to float in this country any more than allow the 'red' flag of alien origin. They have a red flag, and the only difference between their flag and the one the Bolsheviks carry is that they have a cross on their flag with a few stars on it.

"Now, they teach their children to honor that flag, and while we for sixty years have been striving to teach our children lessons of patriotism and veneration for the flag of our country, those people still uphold that rag. They are not content with doing that, but they spread before their children books and histories that are garbled, in which they belittle men like Abraham Lincoln, and General Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and all the men who fought for and preserved the Union. They depreciate all that, and teach their children that it is a lie — that we overcame them by force of arms and made them swallow the bitter fruits of defeat.

"And they are not even content with that but try to deface the beauty of nature by sculpturing on a mountain down in Georgia the faces of the men who fought to upset the government of this country, thereby trying to uphold their people in their treason and laud them to the skies. I hardly believe that they now want to upset this government at this late day, but why they presume to preach these doctrines is beyond my comprehension. They not only have begun this work of picturing these men and those events on that mountain but they have passed a law through Congress under false pretenses; had it so camouflaged as to make it appear as if it were a memorial to the late President Harding. They camouflaged that bill and had it passed by the Congress, and it was signed by the President of the United States, — a mandatory law or order on the Secretary of the Treasury to issue 500,000 silver pieces with the figures of some of the Rebel leaders on the faces of that coin, so that people in the South could sell this coin for souvenirs and reap profit enough to finish this work on Stone Mountain.

"Now, these people need watching. The 'price of liberty' is 'eternal vigilance,' and unless we are vigilant they will be passing other Bills to honor their Rebel leaders and to get concessions from our government supporting the men who tried to destroy this country. It was necessary for us to carefully scan every Bill introduced in Washington by members of the House of Representatives and others to see that nothing creeps in which is detrimental to the liberty and the union of these States.

"These people recently had another Bill they were sponsoring, and it passed the House of Representatives but failed in the Senate for want of time to put it through. That was a Bill to restore the 'Lee Mansion,' — they call it that, but it never belonged to Gen. Lee or the Lee family, but is known as the 'Lee Mansion' on Arlington Heights. They want that house and buildings restored to its pre-war condition, and they were successful in getting that Bill through the House, but, as I say, for want of time the Senate did not reach it before the end of the session. No doubt at the next session of Congress they will re-introduce that Bill.

"What is their object? — I think we can see behind the 'smoke screen,' — they first want that restored — first create a sentiment in favor of restoring that mansion to its original condition, and after that is accomplished there is no doubt they will attempt to get possession of the building.

"Now, that building was bought by the United States and is the property of this whole nation — owned by the people of the United States. The government paid the legal heirs more than double the worth of it, and received a clear title to the property; but evidently these people are trying to get it into their hands, and I have no doubt if they succeed in getting possession of that house they will turn it into a museum of relics of the Civil War on their side — Confederate relics.

And I have no doubt, if they succeed in getting possession of that building, that they will make it the national headquarters of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

"As I said a moment ago, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, and it is up to us to see that they do not get possession of this Government property at Arlington Heights. That is a national cemetery in which there are thousands of our comrades buried, and we do not want to have that ground desecrated by those Rebel people; and it is up to us to watch this thing, and up to us to not only watch that but for our Sons of Veterans, our auxiliaries and allies to unite with us in preventing any legislation of this sort. [Applause.] I think it is high time that the Grand Army of the Republic take notice of what these people are doing. We have been complacent for many years; we have tried to forget this thing; we have quit talking about war issues, and thought they were buried long ago, but these people will not let them lie quietly; they turn them up, and it is for us to see that they are put down as completely and effectively as they were sixty years ago at Appomattox.

"And I want to say that we have ever since the beginnings of the Grand Army way back in 1867 or 1868, — ever since that time, we have been preaching to and teaching our young people, our school children, the spirit of patriotism, love of country and veneration for the flag. Now there is a bunch of people in that other section of the country doing the opposite thing, and it is incumbent upon us to see that future generations shall have a correct knowledge of what we fought for and what we stood for; and it is up to us to see that this is carried out. And when we are through with it it is for our successors to carry out the principles and doctrines of the Grand Army of the Republic, — to have but one country, one language, and one flag!" [Applause.]

Commander: "Comrades, you have listened to the splendid address of our Commander-in-Chief, and I would make another suggestion, namely, that under that mountain at Atlanta be written, *These men were traitors to our country.*

"It is now with pleasure that I introduce to you the representative of the Governor of the Commonwealth, who, I am happy to say, will be present at the banquet tomorrow himself. But now I present to you Hon. Charles L. Burrill, the silver tongued orator of the Council."

Hon. Chas. L. Burrill: "Mr. Commander, Commander-in-Chief and veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, this is a particularly pleasing assignment to me, the grandson of a veteran, to come here and voice the welcome that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts gives to you and to your distinguished commander-in-chief from our sister State of Pennsylvania. He and you had some evidence of the welcome that Massachusetts can give last year during your National Encampment in August, and I recall standing on the reviewing stand behind Gen. Pershing who, with tears in his eyes, watched that magnificent parade.

"And I recall how it was an inspiration to all the children of this city and of this State. It may be appropriate to remark that your convention comes in a historic month — at least it does this year, for one week from next Sunday we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Concord and Lexington, and at that place people from all over the country will come, again to pledge allegiance to this country; they will review the deeds of soldiers of the Revolution, and they will not forget you.

"Today I am glad to see you again, sir (addressing the Commander-in-Chief), in Massachusetts and trust you will have a most delightful stay." [Applause.]

Commander: "Again it is my privilege to introduce to you the representative of our Mayor of Boston, and assure you that I understand the Mayor himself will be present at our banquet tomorrow. However, that does not take anything from the power and eloquence of him who comes to represent the Mayor, and I have the pleasure of introducing James F. Moriarty, the acting mayor."

James F. Moriarty, Esq.: "Mr. Commander, Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Grand Army of America, I want to say that it is a pleasure and a privilege to be present today, — a pleasure that has been mine only once before when as acting mayor of Boston I came here during the National Encampment last year; and I desire to add that it is a pleasure that will linger long in my memory.

"I am sorry that His Honor the Mayor is not in the city so that he might be with you today, but glad it is another instance where his absence makes the lot fall on me to come.



"I welcome the Commander-in-Chief to our city, and also to say that the selection of this memorial building you are now sitting in is an exceedingly happy one on the part of the Grand Army of the Republic. I believe that your stay in Boston will be appreciated by every veteran, whether of the Spanish War, the World War or the Civil War, because of the respect the city and the government will show you.

"Though I may trespass on some of the words of your Commander-in-Chief I will say that it is not only your care that this government be not divided, but with due respect to you and other soldier groups that the civilian element of this country in the North will not permit a dividing line, or that one flag shall fly in the South for them and another flag in the North for us; it is to be one flag in this entire United States. It has been so since 1861, and that flag is going to fly forever — one flag for all of us whether we be civilians or soldiers. And I think that you, Commander-in-Chief, and your legislative bodies, can go to Congress or to any other officials in this country, and demand that legislation be presented to foster one flag and to preserve all the relics that came out of the war of '61. And you will not be asking for anything that does not rightfully belong to you; and I say, too, that you may be able to call upon any civilian body, and all civilian bodies, to assist in carrying out your wishes.

"So I again, in behalf of the City of Boston, welcome you, Commander-in-Chief, and you as veterans of a mighty war, and hope that you will continue to come into our midst in order that we may pay our tribute of the honor that you deserve." [Applause.]

Commander: "The same committee of escort will conduct our guests to the outpost."

Past Commander Hosley: "I want to announce to the Comrades here that the Aids are to give a banquet tonight at the American House at 5 o'clock to the Commander-in-Chief, and any visitor not belonging to the Aids may procure tickets and attend."

Commander: "Next will be the report of the Committee on Delegates to the National Encampment at Grand Rapids. Comrade Morrill, are you ready to report?"

Comrade Morrill: "I will ask Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee to read the list, as he has a stronger voice than mine."

Comrade Wetherbee: "The following is the report of the Committee to nominate delegates and alternates for the national encampment:

Delegate at large, William J. Hargraves, Post 191.

*District No. 1.* — Delegate, John H. Lawrence, Post 1; alternate, Dr. John Gilbert, Post 46.

*District No. 2.* — Delegate, Samuel J. Wade, Post 13; alternate, Dexter Wilbur, Post 13.

Commander: "We will interrupt the reading of this report to admit a delegation from the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

"Comrades, the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary comes near to my heart, for I belong to that body as one of its honorary members, and so we thrice welcome its delegation. I present to you its Department President, Mrs. Green."

Mrs. Green: "Commander and Comrades, it is indeed a pleasure and an honor for us to come and represent the Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans. The members of our auxiliary are doing, or trying to do, the same as your Auxiliary is doing, and I feel that the veterans of the Spanish War and the veterans of the World War received inspiration from you comrades when they went forth and did that which brought credit to our country's flag and to our comrades. [Applause.]

"Comrades, we stand ready and willing to help you in any way we possibly can, and at any time. We want you to feel that though we are auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans we are an auxiliary for all veterans. And I want to thank Camp 29 for writing to me and asking me to bring one of the Sisters of our auxiliary here, because they loved her and she had done so much for that Camp; and I know she did — and with a full heart.

"And, Commander, in behalf of our Auxiliary I ask you to accept these blossoms with our love, respect and esteem for you."



Commander: "We thank you for this tribute of love and respect from the Spanish War Veterans. We know that nothing is adorned as are the flowers which God has given to man to draw his heart nearer to nature and to Him. I now have the pleasure of introducing the Junior Vice-commander of this Auxiliary, Mrs. Isaacs."

Mrs. Isaacs: "Comrades, I think that our Dept. President has so well covered the ground, and as I know you are in the midst of a busy session, I will not take up much of your time. I only want to add that I am certainly pleased to have the privilege of being here today from our Department and to bring our personal greetings; and we hope that for many years we may still have the pleasure of coming to your convention with greetings as we have in the past. I thank you."

Commander: "I now present Mrs. Whitcomb, Chief of Staff of the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary."

Mrs. Whitcomb: "Commander and Comrades — and everybody. You know, I really got a thrill when coming into this door and seeing for the first time this assemblage, for I have never been with the comrades of the Grand Army at their convention at any time. One member said, 'I think I will stay out and let you ladies go in.' I said, 'You may stay out but I am going in; I want to see what is going on, and I am not missing a thing.' I see down in the audience before me a comrade from Allston already. So I wish for you the best convention you ever had, and hope at the close of it you will all be just as happy as you can be."

Commander: "We will state to our lady friends that as we grow older our love grows the stronger. And now, sometimes we have just a common private, as the lady declares she is, and I have just as much pleasure in introducing Mrs. Roberts."

Mrs. Roberts: "Commander Ham and Comrades, I want to say that I think this is about the proudest moment of my life, that I have been invited to come with the greetings of our committee to the Grand Army of the Republic. For there are so few that possess the privilege of paying allegiance to two commanders; there is my own Commander Hatch of Post 49 and Commander Foster of Post 10, and I am as delighted as can be to look into your faces once more. Of course I am sorry not to see some of the former faces, — Comrades Mole, Bowker, and others of our comrades, but we know that they have passed on to the Better Land where sometime we shall all meet them. Comrades, I am very happy to see you all once more." [Applause.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "I will proceed with the list of delegates selected by the Committee to attend the national encampment at Grand Rapids next summer. I have already read the names for Districts Nos. 1 and 2 — Comrades Wade and Wilbur of Post 13, Comrades Gilbert of 46 and Lawrence of Post 1 — and now I understand there is a difference of opinion regarding the nomination of this delegation, and I move that the committee of Districts 1 and 2 retire with the chairman of our Committee and settle this thing up and report back to us." [Seconded and carried.]

Comrade Wetherbee (Continuing):

*District No. 3.* — Delegate, John E. Bronson, Post 144; alternate, William B. Webber, Post 143.

*District No. 4.* — Delegates, James F. Flynn, Post 26; George L. Hall, Post 2; alternates, Phineas P. Pettis, Post 11, William A. Copeland, Post 26.

*District No. 5.* — Delegates, Eugene M. Libby, Post 5, Eli Hunt, Post 82, W. H. Morgan, Post 89; alternates, William E. Carlton, Post 49, O. J. Randlett, Post 146, E. E. Larrabee, Post 5.

*District No. 6.* — Delegates, John Flood, Post 62, Frank J. O'Reilly, Post 56, George M. Houghton, Post 139; alternates, Otis Chamberlain, Post 30, Charles G. Stone, Post 139, Thomas Smith, Post 139.

*District No. 7.* — Delegates, Edwin J. Foster, Post 10, John W. Fairbanks, Post 80, George W. Corey, Post 168; alternates, Charles E. Morey, Post 10, Charles S. Houghton, Post 53, A. A. Buxton, Post 19.

*District No. 8.* — Delegate, Henry H. Hoisington, Post 16; Benj. R. Franklin of Post 16 for alternate.

*District No. 9.* — Delegate, John R. Sears, Post 174; alternate, James R. Hamilton, Post 171.

Commander: "You have heard the list as read, with the exception of Districts 1 and 2. Is your committee ready to report?"

Comrade Wetherbee: "The committee render the following additional report:  
*District No. 1.* — Delegate, Dr. John Gilbert; alternate, John H. Lawrence,  
Post 1.

*District No. 2.* — Delegate, Alvin C. Howes, Post 8; alternate, Sheppard F. Eaton, Post 78.

(It is moved and seconded that the Assistant Adjutant General cast one ballot for the list as revised of delegates and alternates to the National Encampment, and it is so voted.)

Comrade Clark: "Your Committee on Commander's Address is ready to report."

Commander: "Will the Senior Vice-commander take the gavel?"

Commander-elect Gage (taking the chair): "Comrade Clark."

Comrade Clark: "Commander-elect and Comrades, your Committee on Commander's Address beg leave to report as follows:

"Your committee has listened to the address of your commander, and has also gone over the report carefully, and we want to say that it is correct in every respect; that it covers the ground as well as could be done; every point has been noted, and we congratulate the Commander on his excellent address. The Commander recommends that the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General and the sum of \$500 for Headquarters Clerk, per year; also the sum of \$500 to defray the expenses of the Department Commander, and such other comrades as he may detail, to attend Camp Fires, County Associations and other functions where the Dept. Commander should be officially represented.

"The Commander recommends that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Dept. headquarters at the National Encampment to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the week beginning August 30, 1925. And 'I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.'

"Your Committee, after mature deliberation, coincide with the Commander's recommendations and desire to compliment him for the brevity and general good sense of his address. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

HENRY CLARK,  
HORACE GOODWIN,  
ALFRED H. KNOWLES."

The Chairman: "You have heard the report of your committee on Commander's Address."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I move you, sir, that the recommendations of the committee be taken up singly." [This motion seconded and so voted.]

Comrade Clark: "We recommend that the sum of \$1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Asst. Adj. General."

Chairman: "You have heard this recommendation."

(It is moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted, and it is so voted.)

(The recommendations that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for salary of Headquarters Clerk, and \$500 for expenses of Dept. Commdr. and detailed comrades to attend camp fires, etc., also adopted on motion and in due form.)

Chairman: "And the next recommendation in order, 'I recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Dept. Headquarters at the National Encampment, etc.' [Thereupon it is moved and seconded that this recommendation be adopted, and it is a vote.]

"Now the next recommendation, 'that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.'"

A Comrade: "I move that that recommendation be adopted."

Comrade Wetherbee: "It is mighty hard for me in my position to talk in opposition to a man whom I have so much respect for, and with whom I have been associated so pleasantly during the past year. We haven't had a 'yip' between us from one month to another, and there is no man I hold in higher esteem than I do him. This is merely a difference of opinion, without any expression of feeling whatever — but I don't believe in this appropriation, and for this reason:

"It is true that we have between \$11,000 and \$12,000 in our Department treas-



ury. It is true also that that seems like a large amount, and some of the comrades want to know what we are going to do with our money.

"We have got anywhere from four to six years, perhaps five or six years, of life yet for the Grand Army of Massachusetts as a Department. As we have seen it manifested today, we have a lot of comrades who are eager to go to the national encampment. They have always paid their bills, and should be willing to pay them now for the sake of the honor and the pleasure which they will get in going. What are you poor fellows going to do who got left out by the election? You still want to go, but you have got to pay your fare, and are these who got the votes going to have their fares paid?"

"It is going to create a class distinction that I don't believe in. Of course I am a little sensitive in speaking about it, but I still believe the idea is wrong. We have five or six years to live; this item alone would take a thousand dollars of our money this year, and if they should vote to go to California it would take out \$3,000 — and with our other expenses going on. It means with that money going out, that in your last years you will be bankrupt. But you may say that the allied organizations will come forward and give us all we want. Perhaps they will but they did not give us a cent last year — the two smallest organizations did give us something; I give to correct that statement. But if you go along paying out your money loosely, in four or five years we won't have a cent in the treasury, and have to give up simply on account of not having funds.

"Now, I believe we should run this Department just as we would run our own business, and that is to keep a little 'nest egg' all the time with which to pay our bills. If when we get through and the Department has to give up its charter, there are plenty of charitable organizations to give it to, where it can be placed to make a fund to look after the widows of comrades after the rest of us are gone. But I don't believe, when every comrade feels that it is an honor to go, that it is good judgment to vote any such recommendation or appropriation as this, and I hope it will not prevail."

Commander: "I think I ought to have the privilege —"

A Comrade: "I want in the most emphatic manner to endorse every word Comrade Wetherbee has said —"

Chairman: "The Commander has the floor."

Commander Ham: "Comrades, I am rather surprised at this argument by Comrade Wetherbee, especially when he is the one who proposed —"

Wetherbee: "What?"

Commander: "I simply say that I made the proposition to him in relation to another condition which I formerly proposed, and he said to me, 'If you are going to make a recommendation make one that the full committee would endorse.'"

Comrade Wetherbee: "That's all right."

Commander: "I am always with the under dog in a fight, and I want to say this, that for years we have nominated comrades to attend the national conventions and when the time came to go they did not go, and why? — Because they could not afford the drain made on their pocketbooks, and now I propose in this matter to wipe out that difficulty to a certain extent.

"Now, the Assistant Adjutant General spoke about doing away with the funds. The funds are over \$12,000 and the appropriations for my own use was \$500, and I have not used but \$200 of it and the amount of increase we had in contributions from our auxiliaries have been between \$200 and \$300.

"Now, then, he says truthfully that last year they did not contribute to this Department, and I was cognizant of that fact, and I went to them and told them that I thought we had a use for what money they might contribute to us; they were told last year we didn't have, but I told them what I intended to recommend, and they assured me that a certain proportion would come from them, as well as the assurance from several auxiliary organizations.

"Now, then, our Adjutant has stated it would take \$1,000 and I wonder at his arithmetic. Not over 25 delegates at the most at \$31 apiece, and 31 times 25 is not 1,000 by any manner of means. I believe that the Grand Army of the Republic never will hold more than four more conventions; the hand of time is laying its fingers upon us in no uncertain way, and the deaths in our Department during the

past year warrant that statement. Up to the 1st of January we lost 14 per cent, and there is no doubt that at the 1st of April it will come very near 20 per cent. Next year, as we are growing older, the percentage will be greater; we cannot reckon it less than 30 per cent, and the following year it will be greater still.

"Now, comrades, you know that nowhere near one-half of your men on the roster-roll are able to attend your Post meetings, and where will you be in three years from today, with but a few men, comparatively, over the age of 86 living — and our average in three years from today will be 86 — consequently you can reckon the men in your Posts over 86, and you will find how many there will be in existence in Massachusetts even three years from now.

"Now, is that a test question? — what will we do with the money? And pointing to charity organizations — the good Lord told us that we always had the poor with us; and so we have. We have got some of them in the Grand Army of the Republic today, and I believe that the money that is there will be a surplus in three years from now; for, mark you, comrades, our auxiliary organizations tomorrow will make contributions sufficient to carry us to Grand Rapids and back, and I don't think we ought to be piling up money for somebody else to spend, but that it ought to be spent for the benefit of you who are now living."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander Ham says he does not know where I got my arithmetic and I want to tell him. He says the fare is going to be \$31. The minimum fare is \$31.88, but the proposition is to go on the fare that will cost us \$36.69, so that the comrades and their friends can visit Washington on the way. If we go on the \$31 plan recommended by our Commander it would cost \$775; but with sleeping-car accommodations which cost \$20 more for the round trip, making \$500 more, the total reaches \$1,275. That is my arithmetic.

"But there is nothing said in this recommendation about railroad fares. It says, 'I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids,' and I think I have shown you that the expenses will be \$1,275 at least. That being the case I want to make an amendment to the recommendation, — that this money shall not be paid to any delegate or Past Department Commander, or to anybody else who is not in his seat in the Encampment from the time it opens until it closes. We have a number of comrades in this Department who do the most to get elected as delegates, and they appear in the open session the morning of the first day, and then we do not see them again during the whole Encampment. Are you going to pay those men their expenses? I don't believe you are. So if we are going to pass that recommendation it should be with the amendment that the Assistant Adjutant General shall keep account of the members and see they are in their seats and attending to their duties if they are going at the expense of the Department treasury, and I so move —"

Commander Ham: "I accept the amendment."

Comrade Billings: "I am not going to detain you long, but there is one statement I would like to make, and that is that if this proposition is adopted I think you will see some of the slickest politicians in the G. A. R. as delegates so long as we have conventions to attend. It will introduce an element into our meetings that will be very disagreeable — I feel confident; and I think more evil will come from it than we shall gain from the benevolent side. Now I wonder how rapidly the increase is going on? What does it average the last ten or twelve years?"

Comrade Wetherbee: "It has been stationary for that period; \$200 and some odd dollars would be the increase, but being in Boston it was only \$175 whereas it has generally run to \$500 and so on."

Comrade Billings: "The Grand Army of the Republic itself is not going to produce a surplus any more. If we have a surplus it is due to charitable contributions coming to us from our auxiliaries; and does it look well, Commander — would it look well for us to take these contributions made to us when on the downward slope, and needed for Department purposes? There may be differences of opinion on that question, of course, but it seems to me it is not a time for us to loosen the purse-strings for an outlay of funds which generosity has made it possible for us to have; but to see how comfortable we can live by taking good care of ourselves, and getting the utmost good from these contributions by judicious handling."



Commander Ham: "I would like to ask the Comrade if he is aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pays \$1,000 into the Department yearly?"

Comrade Billings: "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will never be otherwise than generous to its soldiers; there is no question about that. I was not in favor of asking the state to look after our printing; I felt that the Department itself should have done that, for it put us on a par with her dependents and I was sorry to see it. But because the state has been generous with us, and because it will continue to be generous with us we ought, at least, not to give them any grounds of criticism of our methods of financing. It seems to me there will be some legislators who will think we do not appreciate all that has come to us."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I want to correct a statement. We are getting \$1,000 from the state, but next year is the last year; then if we want it we have got to go before the state to secure a continuation of it, and if the Ways and Means Committee learn that you are trying to get it to pay the expenses of members to go about the country, you won't get your \$1,000."

(The "Question" is called for.)

Dr. John Gilbert, Post 48: "I have been a member of this Department for a great many years, but I fail to remember that a measure of this kind was ever presented before. We are too old as a Department to establish a precedent of this sort at this late date. Those are my sentiments!"

Comrade Brackett, Post 39: "I was one of the committee that brought in this report, and I must say I never saw such a scramble for getting places and position as we had there in that committee. The chairman of the committee was very patient; he tried to segregate the different sections, but he found himself unable to do so, and the report that they brought in had to be very unsatisfactory. I don't know whether it was because they expected to have their fares paid or not, but there was certainly a scramble; and if so many comrades want to go I think it would be very unwise to spend the funds of the Department to pay their fares. I have no doubt there will be plenty glad to go as delegates and pay their own fares; for one I mean to go myself, but not as a delegate, and I wish to pay my own fare."

Chairman Gage: "The report does not correspond with the recommendation of the Commander. His recommendation is, 'I further recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to pay for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids;' but the recommendation of the Committee is, that he 'further recommends that a sum will be appropriated to pay the railroad fares for all the delegates to and from the Encampment at Grand Rapids.'"

Commander Ham: "I would say that the Commander's recommendation contemplated exactly what the report of the Committee on Commander's Address is, and if we have the language construed in any other way we will accept the report of the committee."

"Now, I want to say one word in relation to the proposition of our Assistant Adjutant General to make it more than \$31. That is a creation of our worthy Adjutant; it don't come from anybody else, and there is no necessity for it. \$31.88 is what the railroad company has agreed to carry us to Grand Rapids and back for and that is what the expense will be — as contemplated in the report of the Committee on Commander's Address."

Comrade G. A. Gay, Post 169: "They say that we as comrades of the Grand Army are getting old, and so we are, but I believe there is no comrade on this floor any older than he feels."

"Now, the matter of paying for the delegates to get to the National convention next August may be all right, and I believe the Commander meant it all right, but as I look at it we are getting into a sort of political harangue — or it will terminate in that, because every comrade who feels he is able to present himself to that convention will want to be a delegate. That is not all. The officers of the Department will go, and they too will want their expenses paid."

"Now, there are men in the Grand Army of the Republic who don't make themselves known especially, but are fully able to pay their own fares, and ask nothing but the honor they will receive from going there. I believe that every dollar we have laid by in our treasury today should be left for the future. You and I may

think we know what is going to take place on the morrow but we don't always connect with the right of it. For instance — one moment and I am done — I have a dear old comrade with me in Nashua, New Hampshire, a man who is thought a great deal of in the city where he lives. He has been a great military man, an honor to his country and also in civilian life. He is 87; and he said to me, 'I served my country and I can some day serve God, but I will not take one penny from our Post treasury that we have cherished, because in the near future some one perhaps more worthy than myself may need it.' I thank you."

Comrade Flynn: "I have been to several banquets and conventions and have always paid my own way, and in order to settle this argument here and now I move that this whole subject be laid on the table until the next Department Encampment." [And it is so voted.]

Comrade Horace Goodwin, Post 16: "Comrades I want to say that there was a commission relative to the Soldiers Home in Chelsea appointed, of which I had the honor of being appointed chairman. There were three World War veterans and one civilian, and I want to say this that after our deliberations were made and presented to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that the Bureau of Finance and Administration did not see fit to grant us the money to make the addition to the Soldiers Home. I am sorry for it; I worked as hard as I could, coming from my home several different days, being the only Civil War veteran on the commission, and we deliberated to the best of our ability.

"My point in rising now is just to say this: Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, do you know what our auxiliaries are, the men who composed the World War veterans? They are real men and I know it, — Col. William J. Campbell, Col. Robert O. Goodwin, two colonels of the W. W. veterans are capable of taking care of any business that may come before the state of Massachusetts relative to any Soldiers Home.

"Another thing. There are some things that have been said within a few weeks that are absolutely and deliberately false. I am a trustee of the Soldiers Home of Massachusetts. God knows my heart — I mean it from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet — slander is trying to be portrayed before the public. One man — I am told though I cannot vouch for it — but one man who is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic has gone before the Bureau of Finance and Administration and said this, — that that Home was badly managed.

"Let me tell you one thing, comrades. Comrade J. Payson Bradley is a member of that Board of Trustees of the Soldiers Home. Is it likely to be badly managed? — does he play second fiddle in any business organization he has to do with? He does not, and I stand up for him. I am his colleague on that Board, and I defy any man, I don't care who he is and where he comes from in the state of Massachusetts, to say that Home is not taken care of and well managed; and if any man wants to take issue with me let him throw his glove in and I am ready for him. These things are not only terrible but damnable in the extreme.

"Let me tell you another thing. All you comrades ought to know this: The Commandant of that Home issued a statement read at the last meeting of the Trustees, at which I had the honor to preside, and I challenge any institution in Massachusetts to show me anything more businesslike, more manly and square than that was, and I contend that the Soldiers Home is as finely governed as any institution in the United States of America.

"And Comrade Foster, who died last December, told me after I was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Home that he had letters from the Commandants and Managers of the National Homes, and that there wasn't a better managed Home in the world. In my own city of Westfield I met a man, a Spanish War veteran, who said, 'Good morning, Mr. Goodwin, are you a trustee of the Soldiers' Home?' and I said, 'Yes, I am, my boy, and I am delighted to be.' 'Well,' said he, 'let me tell you this, that if there is a Home in the wide world that is spelled H-O-M-E it is that one in Chelsea, Mass.'"

"And I am proud of my colleagues, Colonels Campbell and Goodwin, and my comrade of the Sons of Veterans, — Bolton. Do you want any business done? — well, pick out those fellows. And I am a little bit of a business man myself and still in active life, and I defy anybody who dares to say one word against that Soldiers' Home. I thank you."



Comrade Clark: "The chairman of the Committee on Commander's Address would like to know whether the report is accepted or not."

Comrade Gage: "All the matters in the report seem to have been taken care of, and the question now is whether the Committee shall be discharged."

A Comrade: "I move that the Committee be discharged."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I move that so much of the report as was not laid over until next year be accepted and adopted." [This motion is duly seconded and so voted.]

Commander Ham (in the chair): "I want to say that I was at that committee meeting that Comrade Goodwin presided over, and I can verify every word he has said in relation to the Soldiers' Home."

Comrade Billings: "I move that we now adjourn to meet at half-past nine o'clock tomorrow morning in this place." [This motion carried.]

## SECOND DAY.

FANEUIL HALL, April 8, 1925.

Commander Ham: "The convention will come to order. The first business will be to listen to the report of the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions."

Comrade Billings: "Commander and Comrades, the Boys have been very easy with the Committee this year, and we have had only a single matter presented for our consideration. I think we had this before us last year and did not approve of it; that, however, has nothing to do with its second presentation, for wise men sometimes change their minds, they say, but fools never do."

"I will read the subject that has been presented:

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, April 7, 1925.

*Whereas*, The Grand Army of the Republic composed of veterans of the Civil War must pass away and only the Sons and Daughters can remain who should naturally inherit our glory and our goods; *therefore*

*Resolved*, That this Dept. of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, in Dept. Encampment assembled on this seventh day of April A.D. 1925, do respectfully memorialize and petition the National Encampment of our order:

First, that such Posts of the order as have passed, or nearly so, their ability to keep their organizations and charters be permitted to muster into their membership a sufficient number of Sons or Daughters of Union veterans to continue the organization. The petition being under the supervision of Department Commanders to see that no more are admitted than necessary; and that those admitted are pledged to such service as the case requires, and the keeping of this pledge be the condition of continued membership.

Second, to the end that the order shall remain during the lifetime of the veterans a male body, Sons shall have the decided preference during that time.

Third, after which time they may rename the order — Sons and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and their halls shall, where possible, forever remain Grand Army halls.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. A. L.

(Signed)

GEORGE M. HOUGHTON,  
Commander, Post 139.

Endorsed by the unanimous vote of Post 139, April 7, 1925.

"It is doubtful whether the National Encampment would approve of this proposition, but that is not for us to settle. Your Committee has given some time to deliberation upon this proposition, and the more graciously, perhaps, because it is permissive and because the Post from which it emanates is unanimous in their endorsement of the proposition; so your Committee has decided to report favorably on the matter."

Commander: "You have heard the report of your committee, and that their report on this proposition is favorable. Any motion is in order."

A Comrade: "I move the adoption on the decision of the Committee." [This motion is seconded.]

Commander: "It is moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted. Are you ready for the question?"

Comrade Wetherbee: "I think that is one of the most foolish pieces of legislation that was ever presented on this floor. A Post of 61 members offering such a resolution as that. If Posts are so small that they cannot take care of themselves — Well — in the first place that never would pass the National Encampment; it has been shelved there time and time again and decided that it is not the sense of the comrades of the Grand Army that our order should be perpetuated.

"We have a glorious order, with a glorious record, and we are not going to transfer that name to any other organization to batter around and make whatever they please of it. [Applause.]

"There is no doubt the members of the Woman's Relief Corps or the Sons and Daughters of Veterans would do honor to our name, — not in the least, and I am not reflecting on them in any way, shape or manner as they are constituted today; but we don't know what those orders are going to be in ten or fifteen years from now. And so I leave it with just that one point, — that we have a splendid record now, and when we die we want that record to go up to God in heaven as it is!"

Comrade Flynn: "Commander and Comrades, I don't know who presented this resolution, although it is in line with one presented here three years ago. In regard to the perpetuation of this organization why do we object to our sons carrying along the lines of this order? — who are the real heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic if not our sons and daughters? Now, the Assistant Adjutant General has been putting in on this for the past three years, and I am glad that the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions has come to the right way of thinking, and has presented this resolution favorably. I move that this matter be referred to the delegates of the next National Convention."

Comrade Houghton, Post 139: "This resolution I had something to do with, and it does not draw the line as the Assistant Adjutant General has drawn it; it only leaves it for these sons to come in as fast as absolutely necessary when we pass out. Just sufficient, under the supervision of the Department Commanders to see that it shall be no more than absolutely necessary to keep up the organization. That is the wording of the resolution and no more; it leaves the sons to take up the glory where we leave it and carry it on, and who can do it better than the Sons and Daughters.

"The first point is that it keeps us together while we live. How many Posts have already gone out of existence in Massachusetts? — some 30 or 40, I understand, and in states like Maine and Vermont many more. And, further, what must be the percentage of Posts that have lost membership for lack of what this resolution provides; it keeps us together and perpetuates the Grand Army of the Republic while we live."

Comrade Gay, Post 195, Pepperell: "This reminds me of the father who had a son, and the father had a whole lot of property which the son wanted. Of course the father thought his son was all right, and he kept thinking it over — 'why my son would not do anything wrong to his dear old dad.'

"But, mark you, what happened! He had quite a piece of property and he trusted his son; so he gave him a warranty deed of the property. He married again, and the wife kept hitching up to the husband saying 'We are the ones that should have that property, and the old man has lived most of his allotted time. The way things have gone you have the right to this, your father needs a lot of attention, and we certainly should be remunerated for it.' What was the result? The son got the reins in his hands and turned his poor father out and took the property.

"Now, pardon me — but I am going to talk to the mark, as I have had experience; and my experience is this, — that in a city I could name the Sons of Veterans made a proposition they should own a hall that belonged to the G. A. R. or the alternative was that it should be left intact as a memorial until such time as a memorial may not be wanted any more, and then turn the building over to the city. But how do we know what is going to take place after we pass away? We have the Woman's Relief Corps and all the organizations supporting us most beautifully, but will it go on? My idea is simply this: When we have got a good thing hang to it and not trust it to somebody else. I thank you."



Comrade Nicholson, Post 197: "Comrades, we all went to the War. The Sons have the same feeling towards you that we have towards each other, and I believe that after the fathers die the Grand Army should be dropped and have no successor; but if there is a logical succession it is the American Legion — the soldiers who went to France. I went to the War at 14, and in the World War I had three sons under 25 — one never came home. Each enlisted; not one waited for the draft; but my youngest boy of 18 I kept at home until the day before the Armistice; he enlisted then, and was the maddest boy you ever saw.

"I like the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, but I don't believe they can put that feeling into the organization that we can — not one part. Yet, if there is to be a successor to the Grand Army of the Republic it should be the American Legion."

Comrade Webb, Post 88: "I move, sir, that this whole matter be indefinitely postponed."

Commander Ham: "I regret cutting off the debate, and was about to discuss the question myself."

Commander: "I will put the motion as Comrade Webb has put it, that the matter be indefinitely postponed."

A Comrade: "The motion to postpone was not in order."

Commander Ham: "It is always in order, and it takes precedence of the motion already before the Encampment."

Commander: "If the comrade wishes to appeal from the decision of the Chair he can do so, but to indefinitely postpone takes precedence of every other motion."

Comrade Houghton: "I am convinced that we can debate a motion to postpone. Now, sir, these parties who moved this have misconstrued the resolution, and they have misquoted it in their remarks; it does not provide for the perpetuation of the Grand Army, but that when the last comrade dies this organization, under the resolution, can take the name of the Sons and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, and go along under that name. And I don't know of anyone that can take our glory and carry it on better than the Sons and Daughters of the G. A. R."

Commander Ham: "I will take the floor. [Commander-elect Gage takes the Chair.] This question has been very much like the question that has already been decided by an Encampment at Milwaukee; and let me say that some of the men who opposed that are men in the Grand Army, and I think our Assistant Adjutant General agreed with them at that time that the Sons should not be permitted to come into our Camps.

"Now, Comrades, here is the question before you, — whether it is not better for you to make regulations than to leave them to be made after you are all dead? And after you are all dead the Sons of Veterans, being our heirs, can make such regulations as suit themselves. That is evident. One comrade has stated that we don't know what they will do, and we certainly will not — after we are dead, but the regulations proposed are those coming from the best thoughts of members of the G. A. R. now living. I want you to think of that.

"Now, we know what the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution had before them. Did they hesitate after the men of the Revolution ceased their organization? And will anyone say that these Sons and Daughters of the Revolution from that day until the present hour have not exercised an influence on this whole line of the welfare of the American people?

"Well, then, consider what we are about to do. Already the Encampment has voted to admit the Sons into our Posts and they are admitted there. This sentiment that the Grand Army shall die when the last member of it passes away is a fallacious sentiment, for the Grand Army of the Republic can never die. And who are the ones to perpetuate it? If we don't regulate it while we are living, then the Sons will regulate it after we have passed away. But if we express to those Sons something of the regulation we desire after we have passed away it will be considered by them, and what we desire will be carried out by them.

"But if we desire them not to have the name Grand Army of the Republic attached to them, what do you think of that? Do you think that a son of mine would object to owning me as a father? And will the sons of the fathers object to owning you as their fathers? No; they will claim that honor and that name of

the Grand Army of the Republic, and it will go down through the ages, no matter what we do, — carried and fostered by those who are our natural heirs."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I would like to ask a question. I have been of the opinion for a long time that we have an organization in this country of the Sons of Veterans already, — an organization that is going to be perpetuated through all time. We also have the Daughters of Veterans which will be similarly perpetuated, and they will take up the work which the Grand Army of the Republic is now doing. But we already have had many cases where Camps of Sons have been formed and then gone to pieces because they could not live together.

"Now, I don't want the name of the Grand Army handed around by any such crowd as that, and I hope that this motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail, simply to keep the Grand Army out of politics; for that is what would happen if you put it in the hands of the Sons of Veterans."

A Comrade: "The National Encampment has time after time voted against anything of the kind. In Indianapolis a few years ago it was voted that one organization, and only one, should have 'G. A. R.' attached to it. At Indianapolis they voted they would not give the name again to anyone; that they did not want the name perpetuated or have it tacked on to anyone else; that it was a mistake when they gave it to an organization, and didn't want to do it again. That was the sentiment there, and I hope we shall vote for the indefinite postponement of the matter here and settle it for all time." [Cries of "Question! — Question!"]

Commander: "The question is called for. Those in favor of indefinite postponement of this recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions will signify it by saying Aye. Contrary minded? It is a vote that the subject is indefinitely postponed." [Applause.]

(The announcement that the Army Nurses are in waiting is made, and Comrades Bradley, Ames and Goodwin are detailed to escort them to the platform.)

Comrade Bradley: "Commander, it gives me the greatest pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the Dept. of Massachusetts, Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, President of the Army Nurses Assn. of the Dept. of Massachusetts." [Very cordial applause.]

Comrade Goodwin: "Department Commander, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mrs. Mary Smith, National Senior Vice-president of the Army Nurses Assn., a real woman of the days of old!"

Comrade Ames: "It is my privilege to present to you Mrs. Helen E. Smith of the Army Nurses."

Commander Ham: "Comrades — words fail me when I stand before these ladies whom we so well remember, who in the days of our youth were so helpful to soothe the fevered brow and to cheer the drooping spirits of those that came under their tender and wonderful ministrations. And now, as we have done in former encampments, we are to listen to a word of greeting from Mrs. Hazen."

Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, President of the Army Nurses Assn.: "Mr. Commander and you Boys in Blue, years ago we went forth to serve our country, and we Nurses had the pleasure of caring for you. As it was your pleasurable duty to go into the service so it was our duty and pleasure to care for you as nurses in the hospitals; and the nurses, next to you Boys yourselves, know more what you suffered — and we know how you came to us, and we know how patient you were, and how we learned little by little of many of the things you did. And to this day we have treasured the memory of those days, even as you treasure the days of your service in the field; and we know, next to you Boys yourselves, the worth of your work and example, and the value of what you did for your country.

"I am not going to say much more, but you all know that we would not have been Army Nurses had we not had that feeling in our hearts to do for you and make you as comfortable as possible. I will now tell you what I have not said before, that at the end of the War I was almost ended myself; but I am here today, past 80 years of age, to look into your faces and tell you that the most satisfactory thing in my life has been the service I gave to you Boys in the days long ago." [Applause.]

Commander: "Comrades, I will now present to you, Mrs. Smith of the Army Nurses."



Mrs. Smith: "Commander Ham and my dear old comrades, I am glad to be with you and to look into your faces this morning. You know that I put in two years and seven months with you Boys, and I did my very best — I gave you the best that was in me and I do not regret it today. From time to time I look ahead to this occasion, and I am delighted to see so many of you present here this morning. Of course a lot of you are bald-headed, but I am in the same boat with you, and it won't be long before I shall be perhaps; and it won't be so very long that we can come to see you, but we will grasp every opportunity to do so as long as we can. However, I won't weary you this time, as there are many others to entertain you; but I wish you Godspeed, and hope you will have a lovely convention. I thank you." [Applause.]

Comrade Bradley: "That the Army Nurses may hear the Old Boys of '61 and '65 once more, I propose that we rise and give three cheers for the best friends we ever had in God's world." [Three Cheers and a Tiger given with great good will.]

Comrade Wetherbee: "Commander, it is with great pleasure I present to you, Miss Nina Littlefield, Past National Pres., Past Dept. Pres., past everything else, of the Daughters of Veterans, and now acting Adjutant of Post 56 of Cambridge."

Comrade Morrill: "It is not only a pleasure but an honor to me at this time to present to you Miss Agnes I. McCoy, Nat'l Junior Vice-pres."

Comrade King: "I present to you Mrs. Florence Clogston, Department Patriotic Instructor."

Commander Ham: "Comrades, you have heard these introductions, and I present first to you our Daughter Nina Littlefield."

Miss Nina Littlefield: "Members of the Grand Army. Because my father was in the southland sixty years ago in the rôle of a Union soldier, and because I am the daughter of a Union soldier, the Daughters of Veterans of Massachusetts have asked me to come to you today to bring their greetings and their love. You know we are the greatest organization in the land to which has been bequeathed that allegiance to the flag that has been handed down from the loyalty and service of our fathers in the time of their country's strife.

"We are proud of you, comrades. My father was adjutant of Post 56 for some years, and at his death the place was left vacant, and it is my honor and pleasure to take that place and be of service to the Grand Army of the Republic. Because we love you, because we honor you, because we respect you for your valor and courage, the Daughters of Veterans want to express in some appreciable way the fact that you can rely on us; and, Commander, I desire to present to you this yellow bouquet from the Daughters and this check, which is of more substantial value than the flowers." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "Sentiment is what rules the world of nature, and flowers typify it in a marked degree; and ever since our Lord descended that sentiment has entered into the Christian world for its betterment. That sentiment which comes from the Daughters of Veterans brings that which elevates our minds and hearts to higher ideals and nobler aspirations. So much for the sentiment that comes with the flowers, and I thank you for them. But this check coming from the Daughters of Veterans — of \$500 — is the most substantial token of your love and gratitude that you could bring to the Grand Army. I will now present the National Junior Vice-president, Miss McCoy."

Miss Agnes I. McCoy: "Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am here today representing our National President, and she, as some of you know, lives on the other side of the continent — way over on the Pacific Coast — and could not be here at our convention. I have regretted at other conventions that she has not been here, but when I come to you today, — to this great body of men so noble, so interesting and so inspiring — I regret more and more that she cannot be present to see what a great and grand body of Massachusetts men we have.

"Of course all over the United States we look up to and love the Grand Army of the Republic, but as a Massachusetts woman I think there is no Department quite equal to our own Massachusetts Department; and I want to greet each and every one of you, for I am glad of the privilege of coming here and to extend to you our National President's sincerest and best wishes for the pleasantest con-

vention you ever had, and for prolonged life to you comrades. We look forward to your coming into our convention every year; there is nothing that appeals to us quite so much, and when you leave you always take with you our benediction." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "Now, Comrades, it becomes my privilege to present to you the smartest little woman in the world, and I know the one chosen for Patriotic Instructor deserves that title."

Mrs. Clogston: "Commander and Comrades of the convention, what your Commander has said I am not so sure about, and I don't know whether we would better doubt his veracity or not. It has been my privilege this year to call our Girls together and help to raise the funds of this check; and in addition to that I am bringing to you the love and best wishes of every girl in the Department. And I want to tell you how honored I feel to be here, as this is the first time I have visited one of your conventions, and I am going away thankful for the opportunity." [Applause.]

Comrade Bradley: "Commander, while they are going out I do not wish to make a motion but want to say a word with regard to what Comrade Goodwin said last night about the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. Some time ago I was appointed by a former Governor to be one of the trustees. At first I told him I could not give it the time required to fill the office of trustee to my entire satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the authorities; but finally, after dropping some other work, I consented to serve, and I want to say, Comrades, that I have been exceedingly pleased with the service. I have given the best attention that is in me as a business man to looking into the affairs of the Home, and I have received this morning a report made by the Commandant, as it is one of my duties to audit the bills, and I want to say to you that it is a most excellent showing, and so far as I have examined it I do not see how it could be improved upon. And so I fully endorse what Comrade Goodwin said about the Home in his remarks yesterday."

Comrade Goodwin (of the escort-committee and introducing the delegation from the Sons of Veterans): "Friendship is one of the greatest attributes of mankind, and I present my friend Harry D. Sisson, Past Commander-in-Chief and chairman of this visitation committee."

(Comrades Corey and Pearson also introduced to the Commander — Sr. V.-Commander-in-Chief Charles P. Hall of Providence, R. I., Ellsworth M. Brown, Past Division Comdr. and Guy Richardson, P.D.C.)

Commander Ham: "Comrades, it is with pleasure that I present Harry D. Sisson, the Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, our natural heirs, and after we have passed on you will make such arrangements to perpetuate the memories of those that are gone as will comport with the situation."

Harry D. Sisson: "Dept. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish again to assure you of the pleasure it gives me, and of the honor which I appreciate, to appear before this encampment representing your sons. I would like to talk to you as I would talk to my father were he here, but time would not permit. In addition to bringing you the greetings of the Sons of Veterans' organization perhaps I may be permitted to take my text from what your Department Commander has just said, and with that cue say what is in my heart and to express my personal opinion. I will promise to take not much of your time, but inasmuch as he has given me the incentive I think it to be fitting that I should say to you a thing which I sincerely believe.

"Perhaps my membership in the Sons of Veterans extending over a period of 40 years will be warrant enough for my saying to you that perhaps I can speak with some authority. However, I wish it distinctly understood that I am not trying to 'run' the Grand Army of the Republic; neither am I trying to foist upon the Sons of Veterans something which they will be unable to carry out in years to come when the Grand Army of the Republic shall be no more.

"Therefore I wish to state it as my personal opinion derived from consideration of the joint organizations extending over a long period of time. The Sons I have no excuses to make for their shortcomings, but I believe the trend of the times is such that unless the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization bestows upon some other organization — preferably an allied one that has without selfish motives



labored for and on behalf of your body during all these years; I believe that unless the Grand Army of the Republic wills to some organization the authority which vests in them as the creators of Memorial Day; unless they will to some organization the authority to carry on after they are gone — I don't believe, as my personal opinion, that the Sons of Veterans or any other organization can continue to keep alive the spirit which will rightfully observe Memorial Day as the day instituted and carried out by the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I believe, if I had my own way — if I were talking to my own father and he had the authority — that I would ask him as his legacy from your organization, to exercise your privileges and your powers, to give to your successors the authority to carry on in your behalf. And why? — Perhaps I need to give no argument further than to ask you in all seriousness where are your people, — your boys and your girls — on Memorial Day. Are they helping you to carry on the services, the unselfish, heart-tender services which you are paying to those who have gone before; or are they as likely to be out to the ball games or in other sports on Memorial Day? I say this in no spirit of criticism, because the trend of the times is doubtless apparent to you.

"But if Memorial Day and the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic are to be kept alive for coming generations, in my humble opinion it has got to be with the authority vested upon somebody by the Grand Army itself. My personal appeal, therefore, and my personal hope is that before the 'last leaf' drops from the tree the Grand Army will have conferred that power and authority which will enable your successors to go before the public supported and comforted by the thought that they have the authority to carry on for you. I thank you." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "The good mother sees no faults in her son, and the father tries to regulate the son so that he will have no faults. Now, we know what our faults were when we were like these young men, but we look upon them with the feeling the father has for a son. I now present to you Charles P. Hall, Sr. V.-Comdr.-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, now located at Providence, R. I."

Chas. P. Hall: "Dept. Commander and Comrades, it is with unusual pleasure that I stand before you today acting under the official orders of my commander, but to carry out what I gratefully feel is a privilege to enjoy. I am not going to take very much of your time, but I want to endorse most heartily what Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson has said. I have a son who served 18 months in France and I served in the Spanish War myself, and we were talking about the Memorial Day question one day and I said to him: 'Would you want to go fishing or play ball, or do something of that sort, if it were your father who was to be remembered and his grave cared for Memorial Day; or what would you think you ought — and would want — to do it yourself?' And he said, 'I would not want anybody to do it for me.' I said, 'How about your grandfather? And how about yourself? — you have a son. The times are going to come when your son perhaps ought to do the things for the memory of the Comrades that I am doing. Would you want your son or somebody else to do it?' 'Why,' he said, 'I want Jack to do it of course.' Then I said, 'Your place is in the ranks by my side Memorial Day, not in the Legion or anywhere else, but in the Sons of Veterans where you legitimately belong.'

"That opened his eyes and he came in there. Today I have three sons in my own Camp of Sons of Veterans who have been taught that same idea. And I think that other Sons of Veterans are looking forward to the time with a mixed feeling, — they will regret and mourn the inevitable loss of you men, but we know that cannot be helped. On the other hand, they will in spite of regret accept the feeling of honor, the feeling of privilege and duty to the obligations that you may lay upon their shoulders.

"And I am here today in the name of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America to pledge to you the loyal devotion and service of every Son of Veteran in the United States. Ask us what you will and we shall do it; and as often as you will, and we are ready, — whatever you are pleased to have done in the name of your organization that we can do we stand always ready to do to the utmost of our strength, our ability and our loyalty. I thank you." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "I now introduce one whom I have known for many years, and who has not only worked with the Grand Army of the Republic and been very useful to them, but has also been useful to the Sons of Veterans, — Comrade Guy Richardson, Past Division Commander of the Sons of Vets."

Mr. Guy Richardson: "Brother Ham and Comrades. I was wondering when out in the anteroom with the delegations there and knowing something of the oratorical abilities of some of your own platform speakers, whether it was more trying to face the bullets of years ago than to face this barrage of oratory for half an hour or so. Having that in mind I am going to be brief.

"I appreciate what your Commander has said about the Sons of Veterans — this man who towers among you all, physically and intellectually, and as spiritually as a veritable Father Abraham. Of course we are glad to hear those words coming from his lips. We were also glad to hear Commander-in Chief Arensberg, and we know where he stands. And I know where Jim Flynn stands, and some others of the comrades.

"There is only one thing we would like to know, and that is how this organization as a convention stands, and if you would not sometime write something so fair and clear that no one could mistake it. I suppose you are thinking of what transpired just sixty years ago, and a few of us are going to gather tomorrow night and talk it over. You know I was looking over that correspondence between General Grant and General Lee, especially the response of Lee; and I think from all we have heard about that great leader the greater you can make Robert E. Lee the greater was your victory. [Applause.] So I do not hesitate to listen to what is said of that pure-minded and honest-hearted and great leader, — a worthy foe of a worthy opponent; and I say however much the name of Lee may be lauded, I ask you to contrast the spirit of his surrender with the last World War affair. There in the South we had no scooting member of the aristocracy slipping away silently at night to get into another nation to be at rest and keep out of the hands of the enemy; but you have a man stating in black-and-white his conditions, and walking up like a man and handing his papers to General Grant. It is to your glory that you had such an honorable and great foe as that.

"And I cannot resist the temptation to tell you that when I was first called upon to speak before Post 36 I had the effrontery to say that I thought that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest man this country ever produced. Some fellow came up and said he was the greatest man of the 19th century; and then somebody else said he was the greatest man we have been able to raise up in this country. Well, now, watch the trend of thought, and you will find one of the finest minds in Europe putting Lincoln as sixth among the greatest men beginning with Jesus of Nazareth. So if you will listen to all that is said about Abraham Lincoln you will come to the conclusion that he is the greatest man we have ever had, and that he is going to stand in that position with more and more glory as the years roll by.

"But, comrades, it is because of your work and service that Abraham Lincoln means what his name does today to the people of this old land of ours, and we praise God Almighty that he raised up such a leader — and that He raised up the men in Blue! May God go with you and bless you abundantly, giving you many more years of health and prosperity to be yours. And comrades, will you not take the unwritten words that we cannot frame into language, because our feelings are too deep for expression. Will you not take our message, and accept our offer of all that we can do for you now and at any time?" [Applause.]

Commander: "We have one more representative — Ellsworth M. Brown, Past Div. Commandr. of Massachusetts."

Mr. Ellsworth M. Brown: "Mr. Commander and Comrades, I was picked up on the way to fill out this delegation, and I had no opinions or any inside thought of what was going to be said here today.

"In the first place I want to say this, — that I am most happy to be here and to look into your faces. It has not been my privilege to many times visit your convention; I was here some five or six years ago, and I never shall forget the impressions I received at that time.

"Now, I am not going to try to make any speech; the wave of oratory has



passed so far as this delegation is concerned, but I do want to add my appeal and my strong convictions in a line with what Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson has said to you about Memorial Day. I thank you."

(The delegation is escorted to the outpost with due formality.)

Commander: "There is a committee from my own Post of Sons of Veterans Auxiliary at the outpost, and I will appoint Comrade Hall of Post 2 to escort them to the platform.

"It is my pleasure to present to you this committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Comrades, we have with us Miss Margaret L. Waters."

Margaret L. Waters: "Dept. Commander Ham and Comrades of the Grand Army, it is indeed a pleasure and an inspiration to me to come to you this morning and bring to you the greetings of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. As your Commander has said, we are proud to be the descendants of such wonderful men as those who fought in the war of '61 to '65. We feel that if we make our organization big and strong enough it will be one of the best allies to you men in years to come.

"And we are trying to make it just the best ever, so that we can show our appreciation for what you did for us in the Civil War, and what you have done for this wonderful country of ours ever since. I am sure we are glad to be the Auxiliary of your Sons of Veterans, and we feel that we must come to you and tell you we all love you — and love to work for you; and we want to do everything possible to show you that we prize this cherished privilege you have given us.

"So we extend to you our greetings and our best wishes, and assure you that we shall do everything we can hereafter to promote your wellbeing and the record of the splendid work you have accomplished in all these years. However, I ought not to take up your time, but we have been waiting an hour and a half for the opportunity to come in here, and, Commander Ham, in behalf of our organization, the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans Auxiliary I have this little personal gift for you, that you may remember the year with us. Our Division President has said how much she has enjoyed this year with this wonderful man of yours, and that she has been treated courteously at all times by him, — and the inspiring words he has said which were thoroughly appreciated. We want him to have this little gift to remember us by." [Applause.]

Commander: "We know we have the sympathy and love of every one of the women's organizations within the Commonwealth, and we thank God for that feeling of love and friendship that comes to the comrades of the Grand Army — and comes to me personally. We thank you from our hearts.

"Now, we have another visitor, Mrs. Elizabeth Lovering."

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lovering: "Mr. Commander, I think Sister Waters has said everything I could say, and I feel just as she does. But this is my first opportunity to bring greetings to the Grand Army, and I am certainly delighted to be a member of this delegation. I hope that your convention will be a very successful one."

Miss Louise L. Borden: "Dept. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army, I consider it an honor and it is certainly a pleasure to be here this morning to extend the greetings of our Division and my own personally. This is not my first visit; I have been here once before, and when appointed on this committee I felt as if the Massachusetts Division had conferred on me a double honor. I wish for you great success in your convention and hope that many years of prosperity may be yours. I thank you." [Applause.]

(A delegation from Catherine F. Bradley Tent 63, Daughters of Veterans, Commander Ham's personal South Boston friends, — were admitted and made a presentation of flowers and \$25 in gold to Commander Ham.)

Commander Ham: "We know not what this gift of gold may be, but we do know and recognize the golden words that are always in the mouths of the daughters of our own Tent, and appreciate the significance of the sentiment expressed by these flowers. We thank you for your presence here today and for these gifts."

(The departure of this delegation was immediately followed by a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, which was appropriately introduced by Comrade Goodwin, Post 16 and his escort staff, — Andrew Culley, Post 58 and Granville Morse, Post 133.)

Commander: "Comrades, you have observed this delegation at the back of the

stage, although you may not have heard the greetings. I now have the pleasure of presenting to you one who has been by my side for the past year, and I hardly know how to put together the English language so as to express fitly the appreciation I have for this partner in my labors. She has been helpful in many ways, and those she represents have not only been loyal to the Grand Army of the Republic but they have been loyal to the children — to those that will take our places a little later to assist in performing the work and carrying it higher. May the blessings of heaven ever rest on this auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, as long as they shall exist, and may the love and respect enkndled by their splendid work remain ever in our hearts."

Mrs. Mabelle H. Smith, Dept. President, W. R. C.: "Commander Ham and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Massachusetts, I deem it an honor to come into your convention. I know you are as busy as we are, and I am not going to take up too much of your time but say that I have come here this morning just to make a short report of what we have been doing, and to pay our tribute of love and respect to you.

"I have the honor at this time to read this report which is Report of Dept. President to the Dept. Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HEADQUARTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN'S  
RELIEF CORPS AUXILIARY

Boston, April 8, 1925.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, BENJAMIN A. HAM, Commander, Mass. G. A. R.

DEAR SIR: — I present herewith a statement of the membership, receipts and expenditures of the Dept. of Mass. Woman's Relief Corps during my administration, —

Number of Corps in the Dept. January 1, 1925	159
Number of members January 1, 1925	14,139
Cash expended from Corps relief funds	\$4,820 51
Amount turned over to Posts of the G. A. R.	2,328 74
Estimated value of relief other than money, expended from special funds	1,718 07
Soldier fund	51 69
Department relief fund	742 06
Soldiers' Home Dormitory	155 25
Merchandise fund	161 00
Americanization	301 82
Memorial scholarship fund	294 73

*Amount on Hand — Dept. Funds.*

Department Relief Fund	\$1,838 15
General fund	3,767 35
Soldiers' Home Dormitory	300 72
Soldiers' Home Fund (3 rooms)	272 52
Southern Memorial Fund	152 00
Emergency Fund	1,020 81
Mary Jones — Patriotic Fund	414 77
Childs Welfare Fund	107 92
World War Veterans Relief Fund	380 70
Americanization Fund	158 18
Other Special Funds	42 34

Total cash in all funds \$8,455 46

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

(Signed)

MABELLE H. SMITH,  
Dept. Pres.

[Applause.]

"Now, Commander, we were so afraid that you might forget us we thought we would like to bring something down here to you today, so that you might remember us. And we had it in mind that perhaps some of your delegates might like to go





MABELLE H. SMITH  
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS  
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to the National Encampment, which costs money; so we are pleased to present to you this small check as a token of our love and appreciation. I think I told you once, when talking with you, that we do not show our love in a silly, foolish way but in a noble way, and we honor and respect you, and we are grateful to you for all that you have done. And our organization pledges our loyalty and our fealty; and we pledge you that we will keep Memorial Day, that day of days, sacred to you; indeed, we will make it a holy day — not a holiday. [Applause.] And on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, of which I have the honor to be president, I present to you this check for \$600." [Great applause.]

Commander Ham: "Shakespeare says that 'he who steals my purse steals trash, but he who filches my good name takes that which enriches not him, and leaves me poor indeed.' Now, Comrades, I have stated to this President here that I proposed to recommend that the expenses of our delegates be paid, as all other organizations pay for their delegates, and that the help we should receive from our auxiliary organizations would more than pay for any expense that there might be, but you have proposed to refer that to the next Encampment. Already our auxiliaries have brought us \$1,100, showing that my estimate was not out of the way. But we believe that we will use it next year for the purpose of lightening some of the loads that are placed on the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Now, I have the pleasure of introducing one who comes from the Golden Gate bringing a message from across the continent."

Mrs. Grace B. Willard (of California), National Pres. W. R. C.: "Mr. Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Department President and Members of your staff of the Department of Massachusetts, Comrades of this great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — I do come to you as the president of the national organization of your auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, bringing to you the greetings of every member of our body, almost 200,000 of just such women as you have here in Massachusetts. For what your women here in this Department are doing so nobly and so well, as you have just heard from the report of your splendid president of this Department, the women all over the United States, from the Pacific coast where I came from to the Atlantic coast where I am now, from Florida, from Maine, Minnesota and to the Dakotas, all the way along they are working for the Grand Army of the Republic.

"The motto of your order and of ours, the foundation on which our organization is built, is Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and 'loyalty' is the biggest word perhaps — anyway, to us; — loyalty to our comrades of the Grand Army, of which we have the honor to be an auxiliary.

"But our watchword is — Service. We are ever on the alert to do any little kindly act, as has been proved to you by this generous donation from your W. R. C. Department. I tell you it is just the same in New York, Nebraska, California, Colorado, Maine, and everywhere we honor and respect you. We do love you with that 'noble' love spoken of by your Department President; — I never heard it expressed in that way before.

"At one Department we have such a splendid army nurse that I mention her; in our Department we call her 'Mother Elizabeth,' but her name is Elizabeth Mills, and the members at Santa Ana say that she terms this love 'meeting-house love.' And now this morning I have heard it expressed another way. But we do love you and what you have done for our country because we love our country and our flag. But now it is way past dinner-time and I know the Comrades will love us all the more if we make it 'snappy' so you can get through with business and out to lunch; because we women have been told for years and years that the best way to please a man is to feed him; so we bid you Godspeed in your work, and may the blessings of heaven rest upon every member of the Grand Army of the Republic." [Applause.]

Susan Goodale, Senior P. D. Pres. W. R. C.: "My own dear Department Commander and all these Boys in Blue that I love with the 'noble' love. You may think I am a back number, and I am because I spoke to a Grand Army convention over forty years ago, and am now senior Past Department President, having been in the work all that time. I think there is a gentleman here who worked with me when I was Department President, and being the old lady of the order you know such ladies are apt to reminisce, because my thoughts go back to Sarah Fuller, Florence Barker, and later to Mrs. Turner, and how we worked together for you.

"It was my blessed privilege to be with those women and work for you, and you were a handsome body of men at that time, and we were so proud of you. I remember very well when we went to Minneapolis, and the delightful time they gave us, and our own Grand Army was something so noble and to be proud of. There were four of us — our national officers — and I was Department President at the time; and they permitted us to ride in an open carriage in the parade, and we never felt so honored in our lives.

"I know you do not want but a word or two from us, but we desire you to remember the women who started this grand order in Massachusetts; in 1879 there were 23,000 and it now numbers 200,000. Isn't that an achievement? And when you consider the wonderful work they are doing. We had a report on Americanization yesterday which would have thrilled you through and through.

"So my dearest Boys in Blue, I am delighted to have the chance to come and speak to you again — as I did forty years ago." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "Now I see one from my own Post present, but understand that she does not wish to speak; but we love and respect Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle, Past Department Secretary.

"Now I will present to you Miss Dorothy Chapin of Corps 11, Worcester."

Miss Chapin: "This is so embarrassing that I can only 'say it with flowers,' and in proffering this tribute declare that the Woman's Relief Corps wish you a happy and prosperous year."

Commander: "I thank you for these flowers, especially the golden ones appeal to me at the present time. I heard somebody say the other day that the 7th of April ought never to be remembered — it ought to be blotted from the map — but to me it is one of the golden days of my life, for it is the day when I took a young bride to my home, and for fifty years we have lived and loved and raised a family of which we are not ashamed."

(The ladies of the W. R. C. are conducted to the outpost.)

Commander: "We are now happy to greet a delegation outside of the G. A. R. but one that is as important as any that has visited us. They are the auxiliaries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, representing all that fought for our country in distant lands, and notifying the people of those lands that we were not grabbing for all we could absorb but seeking to help mankind. I present to you Mrs. Helen G. Phee, Pres. of Central Council V. F. W. of Mass."

Mrs. Phee: "I am going to make my remarks very brief because you have a lot of business to transact, but as president of this Central Council I am proud to say that I was sent this year as well as last to present our congratulations and greetings. And if one needed inspiration to loyalty to country one would only have to look over this assemblage today and think of the loyalty you have shown to your country and flag.

"Although I do not belong to the Grand Army I am still affiliated with it because I had a part in the late War and lost a son in France; and I am sure if he could send us a message from his grave he would say that if America were good enough to die for, it surely must be good enough to live for, work for, and if need be to lay down our lives for when the exigency comes.

"Those are the sentiments of everybody in this hall today, I am sure. But before I leave, Mr. Commander, I would like to present to you this little bouquet, which will in its own sweet and beautiful language of the flower convey the greetings we would give, and the assurance of our love and loyalty. In my boy's last letter was this little verse:

If I should stay in France,  
 Mother dear;  
 For you know I take a chance,  
 Mother dear;  
 To the Stars and Stripes be true,  
 There are soldiers, too,  
 Need mothers just like you, —  
 Mother dear.

"I thank you." [Applause.]



Commander Ham: "We love the beautiful — it is a joy; not only the beautiful in nature but the beauty of character, and that was displayed by all our mothers who sent their sons out to fight for our grand old flag and for the country's honor.

"We have another visitor, Mrs. Josephine McQuillan, Senior Vice-President of the V. F. W., but she only desires to say that her heart is with us.

"Now, if there are no other delegations waiting we will proceed with the business of our Encampment."

Comrade Wetherbee: "Comrades, it has been suggested that we go in the customary way to our banquet at Kinsley Hall in the Ford Building, and that as we have a drummer and fifer to furnish music we should march; so if you will form in line as soon as we adjourn we will proceed slowly to the hall, and thus give a splendid example for those who see you passing by."

Comrade Henry A. Monk, Post 87: "Comrade Ham, you are about to retire from the high office of Commander of the Dept. of Massachusetts. During your term of office you have been supposed to be supported by a corps of aids; how good that support has been we leave it for you to determine.

"As you retire to private life we hope you will enjoy many years when you will not need the support of any aid. We are about to sever our official relations, and the Aids have delegated me to tender to you this slight token of their regard. The material value of this cane is small, because our numbers are few and our resources limited, but the hearts that make the tender are large. We hope you may live many years to enjoy the memory of our pleasant association together, and that we shall often see your face and hear your voice for a long time in the Encampments of the Department of Massachusetts." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "It is sufficient for me to have the warm regards of my Chief of Staff and also of those who have been associated with me as Aids during the past year. And it is not the gift but the spirit behind the gift, for we care not for the material but we do care for that which comes from the heart, and that which makes us nobler and better for having been associated with each other. I sincerely thank you."

Comrade Wetherbee: "I understand there has been one delegation that had to wait so long they finally went away disappointed; and it seems to me we ought to make some recognition of that situation by having a letter written, or by having some one go to their meeting and apologize or in some way make amends for the shortcomings of this Encampment. They were ordered to be here at a quarter of eleven, but you know that on account of our discussion here they were held back, two or three extra squads were admitted, and finally they departed because they could not wait any longer."

Commander Ham: "The matter proposed by our Adjutant should certainly be attended to, and I will appoint a committee to wait on the Ladies of the G. A. R. — it is suggested that the same committee of visitation go over there again and say how sorry we are for their neglect. Tell them it was not because we did not wish to receive them, but because of a tangle of business almost out of our power to prevent."

(The National Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by P. D. C. George A. Hosley, his chief-of-staff, enters for the installation exercises.)

Commander Ham: "Again today we have with us our Commander-in-Chief, whom we respect and we know is endeavoring to do all he can for the welfare of the order."

Commander-in-Chief Arensberg: "Commander and Comrades, I do not wish to occupy your time at this particular moment for you are about to adjourn. What your Commander has told you in regard to my efforts for the welfare of the Grand Army is true, for from the moment of my election to the position of commander-in-chief up to the present time I have been very busily engaged in every way, shape and manner I could possibly conceive that would be of any benefit to the organization and to my comrades particularly.

"If I have failed in any respect it has not been for want of trying; we cannot always succeed, but we can at least try. And I assure you that after I go out my efforts for the Grand Army will not cease, but it will be the same as before my

election, and if there is anything I can do for the members of the G. A. R. I am going to do it. I thank you very much."

(The installation of officers for the ensuing year was then taken up, and the official business of the Encampment of 1925 ended.)

### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Following a short parade through the streets of Boston, the officers and comrades of the Department of Massachusetts assembled in Kinsley Hall for the annual banquet. Commander Benjamin A. Ham presided. At the head table were seated Governor Alvan T. Fuller, Commander-in-Chief Louis F. Arensberg of Pittsburg, Pa., National Adj.-Gen. Samuel P. Town, Commander Ham, James F. Moriarty, Acting Mayor of Boston, representing Mayor Curley, Rear Admiral De Steiguer from the Navy Yard, Lieut.-Col. H. D. Comerai, of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, Commander-elect William L. Gage, Col. E. T. O'Hearn, representing Gen. A. W. Brewster, Col. Peter O. Shea of the Spanish War Veterans, Gen. Dunn of the Foreign Wars, and State Pension Agent Richard R. Flynn.

Commander Ham: "Our chaplain 'Jerry Bradley' will invoke the Divine blessing. Parade rest."

J. Payson Bradley: "Almighty Father, we thank Thee for all Thy mercies unto us as we gather once more around this board, to look into the faces of the comrades who were true as steel in the years gone by, and who are passing out from this Encampment into the Great Encampment above in such large numbers.

"And yet we thank Thee that Thou hast permitted many of us to live and to see the country as it is this day blessed by Thee. May that blessing continue, and may the righteousness which adorns this nation ever remain with it until Thou shalt call us who helped to save it into the Better Land above; and may the lessons which began here be kept on until time shall end. We ask it in the name of the Great Commander, Amen."

Commander Ham: "You will give your attention at this time to the Governor, as he has to go shortly. And let me say of him and to him that he has a heritage that is greater than any that has fallen on him thus far; for he has the right to write after his name 'I am the son of a veteran.'"

(The Comrades all rise and give three cheers and a "Tiger.")

Governor Fuller: "Commander Ham, National Commander Dr. Arensberg, Admiral De Steiguer, members of the Grand Army and friends, — it is a real pleasure and honor to have this opportunity of coming here representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and extending to you the greetings of the State and the best wishes of its people.

"It has always been the characteristic of heroes that they were modest, and so you very modestly give me as the chief executive a cheer or two; but I really come here to voice the sentiments of the people of Massachusetts and to cheer you and assure you of our hearty cooperation in any and every way.

"As your commander has said, I can boast — and do — that I am the son of a veteran, and when I come here besides the pride that swells in me at the opportunity of extending to you the greetings of the State, it is a satisfaction to me and an inspiration to recall that I am associating with those men who bivouacked with my father in the great war in 1861. [Applause.]

"I have read the reports of your meetings, how the various Posts are dwindling, how some of them have passed out entirely, and I don't know how to say to you in language how much you men have done for the nation, — how valuable those traditions are that you have established. I do want to assure you from the heart that you have but to call upon the Representatives — your representatives — the representatives of the people of this country, and I don't think there is a thing in the world that you want that we won't be very happy to do for you. [Applause.]

"I do want you to feel that if you have anything to do with the State of Massachusetts that I shall welcome the privilege of cooperating with you in any and every way. And Mr. National Commander [turning to Dr. Arensberg] you know how very welcome you are here. You have honored us by a visit to the State House, and I don't see why we cannot make an arrangement with you so that the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic shall come to Boston



every year. [Laughter and applause.] I have seen many parades in Boston, New York and Washington; I was in Strasburg when the French troops entered for the first time with Marshal Foch, but I never saw anything so inspiring as that parade of the Grand Army of the Republic a year ago; it always will stay in our memories and be an inspiration to us to try to maintain in our humble way the fine traditions you have established.

"I received an Easter card from a veteran this morning which is quite my most valued possession of the day; and inasmuch as it puts into words a thought I would like to express to you, in closing I am going to read it to you:

May God who made the lilies to bloom from day to day,  
Who knows the flight of sparrows and guides them on their way.  
Be with you this bright Easter and give you joys galore,  
Protect you — counsel, keep you and bless you ever more.

"I thank you." [Great applause, and the assemblage rises as the Governor retires.]

Commander Ham: "We will now proceed with our luncheon [which, being ended, the postprandial exercises were resumed]. We have with us the representative of the Mayor of Boston, or the Acting Mayor, and while we would like to have listened to Mayor Curley, whose power of oratory is second to none within the Commonwealth, yet we have one present, representing him, who has a ready tongue, a keen wit, and a true understanding of the standards of the Grand Army of the Republic. I introduce to you James F. Moriarty, Esq., who will speak for the Mayor who is out of the city."

James F. Moriarty: "Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, invited guests, members of this Encampment and their guests, I want to say that the last two days of this encampment of the Grand Army in the city of Boston has been an education to me. If I ever, in carrying out my office as president of the Boston City Government, was glad that His Honor James M. Curley had left the city for two days — this was that time. I have been in touch most of that time with your Commander-in-Chief, heard him make addresses before you men in Faneuil Hall at the annual convention there, — before the Sons of Veterans, and before all your kindred organizations, and what I have learned from his tongue has been an education to me in matters that had not been brought forcibly to my notice until I heard him on those many occasions.

"It put me in mind of a story that I heard sometime ago about two men who were in the shop together. I hope nobody will take offence if I mention the nationalities of these men. One was an Irishman and the other a German, and they worked at benches next to each other. And they were always bickering and battering at one another until the other men in the shop got sore, and said 'You men have got to settle these differences once and for all; and we are going to appoint the foreman, Jim Smith, to pick out the way to settle it.' The foreman told the two men they would have to meet the next noon, and he would have something prepared for them. They met, and he handed to each a pair of boxing-gloves; and after they got the boxing-gloves on he gave them instructions as all referees do 'You two men are to do thus and so until one cries "Sufficient."' So they shook hands and started to fight, and the German knocked the Irishman from one end of the room to the other, — knocked him down and picked him up and knocked him down again. All of a sudden the Irishman landed a 'haymaker' and knocked the German down and he said 'Sufficient.' 'My God,' said the Irishman, 'I have been trying to think of that word for the last half hour.' [Laughter.] Well, the story I heard your Commander-in-Chief tell about the divisions of this country put me in mind of that; when he told you at Faneuil Hall yesterday that there were parts of this country that were still saluting a flag other than the stars and stripes, it suggests to me that there are some people in other parts of the country that do not know the Civil War is over, — they have forgotten that word 'Sufficient.'

"I feel that in the absence of His Honor the mayor, James M. Curley, who I know is a friend of the veterans of the G. A. R. and the veterans of the Spanish War and of the World War, I feel that he would have liked to be here today if it wasn't for business taking him from the city. And that business is to have the

Government at Washington establish a hospital for the young men that were maimed in the last war, and to have that hospital established on Long Island in Boston harbor. That is his business out of the city at this time. [Applause.]

"So I believe we need not, after your many meetings here, — we need not come here and say we welcome you to this town. I don't think you need any special welcome from any official of the city or the holder of any office within this State; you are always welcome within the boundaries of our city. [Applause.]

"I realize as we grow older none of us is capable of being as active or aggressive as we were in younger days, but I think if you were to send the message to your sons and daughters and to your kindred organizations that we in the North — we here in Massachusetts may move to take measures to stamp out what is going on below the Mason-Dixon line, and that so far as Massachusetts is concerned there will be only one flag, that the movement would spread and become a most impressive one.

"There is much propaganda going on amongst citizens in many parts of this country; we hear talk of the Red Flag, for which I have absolutely no fear, but unless there should be a division between different states of our great republic I see no danger that any other flag than the stars and stripes would be raised.

"So I say we have got to teach; we have got to send out our propaganda across that line to impress those people who, like the man in the story, have not learned the lesson of that word 'Sufficient' but who, I believe, are but a small part of the population of the South. But your Commander-in-Chief is entitled to the whole-hearted support of each and every member of your organization and of the kindred organizations. You elect him into the position, and you remain his aids to watch legislation in relation to the veterans. I know you are human, and that a lot of times you do not think when the call goes out for the purpose of reaching your individual Congressman or your individual Senator in the district you come from, to bring out the story that your legislative agent has to tell to them in Washington, and by sending individual letters and flooding every officeholder in Washington to make him know your wants.

"We are living a busy life at a time when business men have sympathy for the veteran, but on account of their busy life they do not have much thought for anything except business. But I feel that when the call goes out to the citizenship of this country that the veterans of the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic, needs assistance of the rank and file of citizenship, that all you need to do is to send that call out.

"But many times the call is not sent, and the men of public life, and the men of private life, do not know of your needs at the time of those needs. So I say to you men, and to the officers of your organizations, send it out broadcast. We owe you everything that is possible of giving to you, and you don't owe the officeholders anything for what they may give to you. [Applause.]

"Because if you men had not gone through the hardships from 1861 to 1865 we would have had no officeholders; we are only put in the position to protect and preserve what you gained for us; and if we are going to protect what belongs to you, you are entitled to any part of it — and all of it, if you so desire to have it.

"So in conclusion I again welcome you in behalf of the City of Boston, with the hope that the deliberations of your Encampment have been satisfactory, and that every conclusion of that meeting will be carried out to a successful termination. I thank you one and all." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "Comrades, the next speaker to be introduced is one who represents that which makes for the preservation of law and order in our community, and we have the representative here of General Andre Brewster, he not being able to be with us. So I present to you in his place Col. E. T. O'Hearn, a member of Gen. Brewster's staff."

Col. O'Hearn: "National Commander, Dept. Commander, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and guests, — Gen. Brewster has asked me to bring to this gathering his cordial greetings and to express his deep sorrow because of his inability to be here in person. He had planned to come, but at 12 o'clock found there were important duties that made it impossible for him to get here. He stated that he had the honor and pleasure last evening of paying his respects to



the National Commander, and he would have liked very much to come and see you all today.

"Gentlemen, I feel very much honored by having been invited and permitted to come here today to represent the Army of today, and to extend its greetings to the armies of 1860 and 1864. We men of today feel that we owe for a great lesson — a military lesson — to that army of the older days. It has been said by close observers of the World War that the military principles developed by you men in the Civil War were the basic principles used in the most successful fighting of the World War.

"Your task, gentlemen, was a most difficult one; to my mind the most difficult one that has ever faced this country; for the reason that the war in which you took part was the only war in our history in which Americans were pitted against Americans. You have not only transmitted to your sons and grandsons the military principles to which I have referred but you did more in transmitting to them that love of country and that spirit of sacrifice for country which we have seen exemplified in the work of the American boys in the Spanish War of 1898, and on a still larger scale in the great World War that has more recently taken place.

"Gentlemen, this country of ours owes to the G. A. R. a debt of gratitude that can never be paid. You have already carried heavy burdens in behalf of your country; you have always been ready to come forward to do your part, and there is just one thing I would bring to your attention today that remains to be done, — that is to help to fill up the citizens military training camps in this country with our American boys of good character, who in those camps will learn something of that lesson of love for country, that lesson of patriotism which you gentlemen learned upon the battlefield.

"There are some 3,000 boys allotted to this area embraced in the New England States. We expect there will be no difficulty in filling that quota, but we want not only quantity but quality, and we ask you men to recommend to your grandsons and your neighbors' sons this great C. M. T. C. movement.

"Gentlemen, in conclusion I would say that the men of the South today, no less than the men of the North, thank God that you men of the great Grand Army of the Republic fought so well and so valiantly through four long years, and that we have today a great and united nation, — the greatest undoubtedly in the world at this moment. I thank you, gentlemen." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "The next speaker that I shall introduce — I hardly know how to express what has been accomplished by what he represents. We all remember the efficiency and services of the Navy in the Revolution, from the accounts we have read; we remember how John Paul Jones bearded the British Lion in his den, so to speak, and how he woke the echoes of old Albion's hills with the shouts of his triumph. We remember about the admiral of the Navy who was chained to the mast, and we recall that our own Post is named after the bravest man that was ever produced in this country, — Admiral Dahlgren. So it is with great pleasure I now present to you an Admiral of our Navy, Admiral De Steiguer."

Rear Admiral De Steiguer: "Commander, Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am glad to have this honor of being present with you today. I was glad yesterday to have the pleasure of meeting and welcoming your Commander-in-Chief at the Navy Yard.

"It is always a great pleasure for me to welcome members of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Navy Yard, especially those that come from the interior where I came from before I began cruising, as we want them to become better acquainted with the Navy, — what it stands for — what it means today to our people, in respect of their future happiness and prosperity.

"I am glad to see members among you here that are naval veterans, both of the Civil War and of the Spanish-American War, one of whom was a shipmate with me during the Spanish-American War. Unfortunately for the Navy we work beyond the horizon out of sight of so many of our people that they are unable to understand the importance of it to them. They are not sea-minded like the people of some nations that live in sight of the sea and understand that a navy is absolutely necessary to them for their existence. Our geographical extent of country is responsible for that. It is almost impossible to convince the people

of the interior that the Navy is as important to them as to the people of Massachusetts; that even the prices of their productions, wheat, corn, manufactured articles for the future depend to such a very great extent upon marketing them in foreign markets, which can only be done by a merchant marine supported by an adequate navy.

"So if we are to maintain our present standard of living we must sell our excess productions and products by means of a merchant marine supported by our Navy, to market them in foreign countries.

"It is very natural that I should have an unusual feeling for all veterans of the Civil War, owing to the fact that members of my family were killed in that war, and my father was a veteran of that war and also a veteran of the Mexican War.

"You will leave a great heritage to us in the better citizenship, in the better institutions, and in a better country; and it is incumbent upon all those who come after you to turn them over in as good or better condition than they were received, or they will have failed in their trust.

"You fought against principles that were decided had no place in our form of government, and you preserved our ideals. For over half a century you have been preceptors in our school of citizenship, and today what Americanism means to the world is greatly due to your efforts.

"However, there is little virtue in boasting of the exploits of the Navy or deeds of the Army in the past unless you support the army and navy of today; as world conditions do not indicate that we can do away with them and live by the Golden Rule.

"Yesterday I sent another officer to your meeting, a son of a veteran from Pennsylvania, where your Commander-in-Chief comes from. He brought up one of the things I was to mention again, along the same lines of developing a good citizenship, on which I believe a certain misapprehension existed, namely, in regard to the restoration of the old 'Constitution' which now lies at the Navy Yard. The Congress at its last session authorized the restoration but appropriated no money; so it has been decided to let the school children by pennies raise a subscription to restore her. And we believe it will be a great lesson to them in history to learn the traditions of the forefathers, bringing them together behind those ideals. The 'Constitution' in her fight with the 'Guerriere' brought the people of our country together when many were wavering in loyalty probably as nothing that had happened up to that time. We want the 'Constitution' to bring the children together, and the little boy and girl brotherhoods, uniting them behind the traditions of our country, — the school children in the rich and expensive institutions, and the children in the Little Red Schoolhouse out in the backwoods.

"We believe in doing this they will be better equipped when they come to adult life, and will navigate the Ship of State in a much better way in accordance with American ideals and traditions, the same as you fought for. We want to have the 'Constitution' preserved so she will come back from evil influences, the influences which are today tending to undermine the youth of our country, chiefly in places that seem to have little use for our government. But every student of psychology understands that if they can undermine the youth of this country it will be the greatest way to destroy patriotism and even our institutions themselves.

"We don't want subscriptions from you, but want to inculcate the greatest lesson in patriotism and history among the children. But of course we want you to encourage your children and grandchildren and the school authorities to hold a 'Constitution' Day when the patriotic aspects of the movement will be developed. And who do you suppose was one of the first ones to subscribe to that? It was one of your own Boys; he sent a check for a dollar to the Secretary of the Navy and subscribed himself — one of the Boys of the Civil War Navy. A good place to start, although we don't want your subscriptions.

"Today just before I came here I received a copy of a letter sent to me from the Sec'y of the Navy to Mrs. Doyle (?) the widow of Admiral Doyle, thanking her for a check she had sent to help the children. But, as I say, we do not want your subscriptions only your encouragement, in order that we may preserve not only the 'Constitution' but the institutions and traditions that you fought for. I thank you." [Applause.]



Commander Ham: "The next speaker that I shall introduce to you is the 'noblest Roman of them all.' I present to you our Commander-in-Chief, Louis F. Arensberg."

Commander-in-Chief Arensberg: "Mr. Commander and Comrades. And I include in that the comrades who have been with me during this visit to Massachusetts and my comrades at my right representing the other branches of the Service — they are all comrades. When I address members of the American Legion or men who have served in the late War I recognize them as comrades; and I recognize the Spanish War Veterans, in fact, any men who have served under the flag of these great United States I recognize as comrades. And there are many men who while they have not had any opportunities to express their patriotism by fighting or serving under the flag, nevertheless in their walks of life they have demonstrated the fact that they were always with us. And I want to pay a tribute to the Regular Army.

"When the war broke out in 1861 we had nothing; most of the men who held commissions in the Regular Army were over on the other side, with but few exceptions, but the rank and file of that army was still in the Service of Uncle Sam and did their duty. They were afterwards recruited up to their full standard, and you know as well as I do the services they rendered.

"In addition to paying tribute to the army I also want to pay tribute to that Navy which we have heard something about. You know that during the entire war if it hadn't been for the Navy our country — the southern portion of it — would have been flooded with supplies from England, France and other foreign countries, but particularly England and France. Our Navy maintained such a strict blockade that it was almost impossible to get any of those goods into the country; they did manage to run the blockade occasionally but not very often. I want to say that we had — that that Navy had one of the biggest jobs on its hands that any Navy ever had, I believe, for we have a very long line of coast to guard, — at least half of the coast line of the entire United States was under their particular care and attention, and I want to give, and do give, due credit to the Navy for much of our success during that war of 1861 to 1865; without them I am sure we would have lost out.

"Down in Rhode Island the other day a man of education asked me how it was that we won out. He said every battle invariably was reported as won by the Confederates, and he wanted to know how it was that we won the war. And I told him by the assistance of our good Lord above. Now, we won the war by the assistance also of our good Navy; if it had not been for the Navy we would have lost out, there is no question about that in my mind.

"Today I do not intend to take up much of your time. I have talked about other things before you, and I think you have all heard me express my sentiments in regard to the propaganda that is going out through certain portions of our country belittling the names and memory of our great men, Lincoln, Grant, Sherman and Sheridan; and belittling the deeds of you men who have perpetuated this Union — you have heard me talk about that. But as I have said several times, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, and unless you keep your eyes and ears open we are going to lose out in the end.

"In my visits to the capitol at Washington I have almost come to the conclusion that the 'Johnnies' have possession of it today. They are enabled to put over legislation that is a disgrace to our country. They go down there — swarm into that Capitol, and I have been told that the sentiment there is very much of a Southern sentiment. The Daughters of the Confederacy maintain one of their strongest Chapters that there is in the United States right in the heart of Washington, and those are the people that are always drumming up something to have their cause recognized. They place in our halls at Washington — in the Capitol, right in the rotunda among the eminent men of this country — they place in there men from their states clothed in Rebel uniforms. Recently they placed in that group of eminent men a statue of Gen. Joe Wheeler, and while Wheeler may have redeemed his reputation somewhat by later serving under our flag, still when they so place his statue there they dress him up in the Rebel uniform.

"I think it is about time that sort of thing was stopped, although I know of no legislation to prevent it; each state has the right to put in there some of their

prominent men, but that is not all. On a recent occasion a bunch of school children marched into that Capitol to pay homage to those generals, and each child was carrying a Rebel flag. Think of it! — in the capital of our great and free country, that you men — you and I fought for to save its Union! They go down there and insult us by marching around the capital of the United States with the Rebel flag.

"I think it is high time, if there are going to be any more amendments to the Constitution — not the 'Constitution' the admiral was talking about — but that other Constitution which it seems a number of men in Washington love to patch, — they love to make additional patchwork to that wonderful document left to us by our forefathers. They have added several amendments already in recent years, and how many more are going to be added I don't know; but I do hope that the next amendment to the Constitution of the United States will be one to prohibit the flying of any flag in this country but the Stars and Stripes! [Applause.]

"Now, I want to say to you comrades that much of the inspiration I have got has been brought about by my early education, and by the deeds of those men of this particular section of the country — here in Massachusetts and in Boston. With regard to the first efforts to put down tyranny and oppression I derived much of my inspiration from reading the history of the performances of those men; and among others of the great record and work of this old frigate, the 'Constitution,' which the Admiral was speaking about. I had the privilege in 1876, I think it was, of visiting that good old ship, and I have in my possession a small piece of it as a relic in my home.

"Now, I want to say that what they advocate in the matter of the restoration of that celebrated craft I heartily endorse, and I hope they will be successful in raising enough funds to restore it completely. And while I am glad they are going to restore that famous ship and hold it up to the eyes of our patriotic citizens I also hope we shall be able to prevent Congress from enacting any law for the restoration of the 'Lee Mansion,' as they call it, to its pre-war condition, — abolish the flagstaff standing in front of that building, and turn it over to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

"That is all I want to add, except to admonish you to keep your eyes open and your ears open to prevent any such legislation. I thank you for the very kind reception you have given me on this, my visit to your Department. I want to congratulate you on the influence you wield in the community. Considering the strength of your Department you have made a remarkable record. I have been wonderfully impressed by the showing you made in your Encampment, and also by that of the various auxiliary and allied organizations; the exhibition of your standing and power has been an interesting feature of my visit here. I thank you." [Applause.]

Comrade Fairbanks, Post 80: "I think there is no subject the comrades present would be more interested to hear about from the Commander-in-Chief than the matter of pensions. Can you tell us anything about our pensions?"

Commander-in-Chief Arensberg: "If this audience has not been bored to death I will explain that on the convening of Congress last December I called together the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic and went to Washington and took into consideration the various legislative matters in which the G. A. R. are interested.

"The first thing, of course, was the Pension matter; and when I went to Washington the first thing that I took up, and the Pension Committee took up, and my own legislative committee took up, was this matter. We endorsed the Fuller Bill because it met the requirements of the resolution adopted in this city nearly a year ago — we endorsed that. We went and saw Congressman Fuller as a body, and we visited various other Congressmen. We had an interview with Senator Pearson and many other senators, and it was distinctly understood that the Grand Army of the Republic was behind the Fuller Bill.

"But after we left Washington from some cause or other there was a wet blanket thrown over Congressman Fuller and his Bill, and he let it remain in the committee — never called it out on the floor of the House. A little later I became anxious about the matter, and I met at a Tent in Grand Rapids a comrade, Chair-



man Inman of the executive committee. Congressman Fuller resides in Inman's district, and I appealed to Inman to get busy with Fuller and have him bring that Bill out; I was afraid we were not going to get it out of the committee, and I appealed to him; I also had various other people interest themselves in that matter, and tried to have that Bill brought out, but, as I said, somebody threw a wet blanket on that scheme, and Congressman Fuller did not seem to want to make any move.

"Then Bursum came up and brought a new Bill, and he brought a bill similar to the one the President had vetoed before, but with the exception — thinking to gain the favor of the President, who you know is a very economical man and wants to save every penny. He gained his consent to a Bill reducing the pension to old veterans to \$60, giving widows who have reached the age of 75 or more \$50, and those under 75 years of age would receive \$40. The old nurses would have received \$50, and he added to that several additions to his Bill in which he brought in the Spanish War men — got his bill up in that shape.

"Now, the Encampment in Boston expressed the desire to stand on our own feet, and came out with nothing but a pure Civil War measure. In a conversation with the commander-in-chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans I explained to him the situation. He was fully in accord with me, and I told him I had no objection to the Spanish War Veterans getting all the boys could get; in fact I would help them in legislation if we could, but preferred to separate the bills, and I believe still that they should have been separated, and think we would have done better for both of us if we had gone in on our own hook.

"Bursum could not get his Bill out until the last day of the session of the Senate; then a Southern senator started to filibuster and laid the thing out flat — it never was considered.

"So that is the fate of legislation down there. Now, who was responsible for throwing the wet blanket over Congressman Fuller I am not fully prepared to say. As the expression is, I have two 'thinks' coming, but which is the right one it is impossible for me to decide. But I want to say this, — that I never let up as long as there was a 'ghost of a show' to carry it out; and I now promise you in addition that if there is any legislation that can be done at the next Congress — even after my term has expired and there will be another man as Commander-in-Chief — anything I can do to further that Bill, or furnish a bill of that character, will be done by me." [Great applause.]

Commander Ham: "We have heard words of wisdom from men with gray hair, men representing the Army, the Navy and the Grand Army, and now we would like to hear from some of the younger men, and I will call upon the efficient head of our Commission of State Aid and Pensions at the State House, a young Spanish War Veteran who has extended all the aid he could to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, — Comrade Richard R. Flynn, State Pension Agent."

Richard R. Flynn: "Commander and Commander-in-Chief, Comrades of the Civil War, Spanish War, and the World War. Comrades, after listening to your Commander-in-Chief and what he said about pensions, I from my experience in the past four or five months have come somewhere near knowing the keenness of his disappointment; but here in Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief, we have very generous laws for the caring of our soldiers and their dependents.

"Since the Civil War Massachusetts has paid out \$85,000,000 in State and Military Aid and the burial of soldiers and their widows. The cities and towns of this Commonwealth, through the Soldiers' Relief law, have paid out approximately \$35,000,000 in Soldiers' Relief, a total of \$120,000,000 that has been paid by taxpayers of this Commonwealth in aid of soldiers of all wars. No state in the Union can boast of that record, and I trust, sir, that in your high office of Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. you will arouse other states to their responsibilities — the same as Massachusetts has done since '61 to '65.

"In that work with me today I have three comrades of the Civil War, and no other officer in the Commonwealth, I am sorry to say, can boast of it. Here a year ago my dear and loyal friend, your comrade Wilfred A. Wetherbee, who has served for years as Deputy Commissioner, was obliged to leave me; and on shaking hands good-bye my heart fell because of the fact that I was losing a good comrade — and so were you.

"I have been successful in my treatment of the veterans and their dependents for the reason that my father and mother brought me up to respect the old man and the old woman. [Applause.] When any of you comrades come into my office I do not want you to feel that I am a Commissioner but that I am your Comrade and your son, and I want your widows to feel the same way towards me.

"You have given me wonderful support; the Bills I have brought into the Legislature to benefit you have always been passed along by the Governors; they did not lie on the desk one moment when they understood the intent of the law. We did a wonderful job in our office in 1917 during the World War when the responsibility of caring for all your dependents during 1917-19 fell on the shoulders of the speaker. Approximately 200,000 men left Massachusetts and for the first time in my life I realized as a veteran what my duties were; and I am proud of the record Massachusetts made and that no comrade came back and said there was a mean job put on father or mother, and I have on my desk today letters complimenting me on what Massachusetts did in their care.

"As I look over this gathering of comrades I see men whom I know, — Col. Billings, George Hosley, Mr. Capen, Comrade Maxim, and wish it was possible for me to hear of the wonderful records they have made in the Civil War. I feel honored by having a moment's talk with you, and in this pension problem I want you to recognize the fact that I am your servant. I have been surprised to find out that many comrades do not know at the present time how to get around the \$72 proposition that you have in the pension laws. There are comrades entitled to it today who have not gone to the trouble to get it on account of the red tape, so to speak.

"Now, there is no red tape in my office, and if you know of a comrade who requires attention, it is your duty to bring him over to my department. And if he cannot come I will send a man out to take care of his papers for him; and if a comrade is in distress, kindly do me the favor of advising my department and I will do the rest. If I didn't feel that way I would not stand before you today and say that. I trust I have not wearied you with my remarks, and close by wishing you Godspeed and the greatest of happiness and the best of luck!" [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "We have another soldier here who will certainly interest you, — one who went to the foreign wars and is today representing those men who climbed over each other's shoulders to enter the forbidden city in China, and was the first to enter that city. It gives me pleasure to present Gen. Dunn."

General Dunn: "Comrades and Dept. Commander, and Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., this is a great honor, and Boston is honored by having here today the Commander-in-Chief of the greatest organization in this great country of ours. And I want to say to you, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. at this time that it is my privilege and also a pleasure to bring to you the greetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. A.

"It was my privilege, comrades, to serve during the Spanish-American War, and I know that I was like every other man who represented the country at that time, because to a great extent I got my inspiration from the excellent service that the members of your organization rendered this country of ours in the greatest crisis of its history. You not only preserved this great country at that time but you comrades who were our superior officers in the Spanish War made it possible for that war to be successful also. It was their brains, their intelligence, and their experience that made that possible; and today we have in this country the organization which I represent, composed of the men, as your Department Commander said, who marched into the forbidden city of Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising in 1900. It also represents men who fought with Admiral Dewey in that famous battle of Manila Bay; also those who fought with Sampson and Schley at Santiago, the veterans of San Juan and El Canio, as well as of the Philippines, and the men of that great expeditionary force of the world conflict.

"That you are appreciative of the fact that your successors were capable of carrying on, and are proud also of the services we have rendered in those wars, there is no question. And you were proud of the fact of the splendid record the U. S. Navy made in that last great conflict, because it is a matter of official note



that transports taking soldiers across under convoy of the U. S. Navy landed their men on foreign soil without the loss of a single soul.

"You are also proud of the fact that it was the U. S. Navy that mined the North Sea, and not only mined it but also took out the mines after the war was over. There was a great feeling of friendship and fellowship that sprung up because the members of the Army and Navy were so close together. I can remember my experience in going over, though it was probably about the same as everybody else's, that the first thing I looked for at daybreak when I got on deck was to find out if the Navy was still with us.

"Now, our own organization like yours has been formed for the protection of the men who responded to the colors when called, and to see to it that they get fair and proper treatment afterwards; because from the experience you gentlemen have had you know, no matter what your service has been, it is soon forgotten unless you go to it, and you had the right thought at the time you organized and instituted this organization of yours after the Civil War.

"Now, I find as commander-in-chief of the body that I represent that it is not really the members of the organization that we are called upon from time to time to assist, — but it is mostly men who are not members that require the most assistance; and that we find is our great work. Next year is going to be one of the hardest years we shall have; a great many of the laws that provide for the taking care of veterans of the World War will terminate, and we have got to see to it that a lot of these men entitled to certain things from the Government — see that they are taken care of, as they are the men who need it the most.

"You know how the ordinary veteran feels about it when he feels that he is entitled to consideration; — he goes to the place the Government has instituted and he files his claim, and he may not get just what he feels at the time of consideration he is entitled to, and he lets it remain right there — forgets about it. As a matter of soldiers' relief in the city of Boston I have had these men come in from time to time. I have looked at their record and find they have been through a lot, and I inquire, 'Are you getting any government compensation?' 'No, I am not getting any.' 'Why not?' And the answer is, 'I went down there and filed my claim and nobody seemed to take much notice of me at the time, and I let it go.'

"Then I make it my business to see that that man's claim is taken care of. It may be only necessary to have one more affidavit from his Company Commander or some person cognizant of the time and place where the thing occurred, and that would clean up the case.

"Now, I have heard people say that the veteran organizations ought not to exist, that they ought to forget the wars. But we remember our experiences, and we know our love for fellow comrades; so if we are able there is nothing we can accomplish in our lives better than to be instrumental in assisting a worthy comrade. It has been to me a supreme pleasure, as I have gone over the country from time to time, visiting the Posts of our organization, to find at almost every one of them members of this great organization of yours; and I am sure there is nothing that appeals more to the youngsters than to know that the members of the Grand Army are interested in them.

"Commander-in-Chief, I certainly appreciate what you have said to your comrades today, and as I listened to you it dawned on me that you are still vigorous; although along in years you are still young; you are capable to do the work you are expected to carry on, and I reflect on what you must have been when you were a young fellow. I thank you."

Commander Ham: "There is one more very interesting man I wish to present. He represents one of those who said to one of the nations of Europe, 'Keep your feet and hands off from American soil; you cannot bring to the nation of North or South America that tyrannical power that you exercise over in Europe, or that you have endeavored to exercise on American soil,' and he and his comrades inaugurated a new epoch in American history by giving that notice to the nations of Europe. I wish to introduce the commander of the Spanish War Veterans, Commander Shea."

P. O. Shea: "Mr. Commander, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrades and Guests. I bring to you the greetings and felicitations of the Dept. of Massa-

Massachusetts United Spanish War Veterans. To me personally this is a wonderful privilege and a very great one.

"When we look back over our lives we find that the inspiration and the lessons and the things that prompted us to act as we did in 1898 were due entirely to the spirit and the teachings of this noble Grand Army.

"To you we owe everything, and after us come the World War veterans inspired in a like manner by your example, and by the war which you left to us as a heritage for your sons and your grandsons. And it seems today that as the years are rolling on, and the step is faltering, that more than ever are you endeared to us. We lament and we grieve and we sorrow from day to day as your race is being depleted, and as we look along and see the members of our different Posts passing on through the gates — the Eternal Gates — then more than ever do we feel your departure.

"But I will say to you that while in spirit we today commune with those who have gone before, and today we greet and we welcome and we are pleased in your presence, that no matter what happens, no matter when the time comes when the last man answers the call, you can rest assured that in the hands of the Spanish War Veterans, and from them into the hands of the World War Veterans, your memory will ever be kept green; and while your bodies may be laid at rest in the ground your deeds and your names will be forever in the Republic immortal." [Applause.]

Commander Ham: "From the youngest to the oldest military organization in the U. S. I desire now to call on the commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., — Lieut.-Col. Comerais."

Col. Comerais: "Dept. Commander and National Commander, Comrade Wetherbee told me that I was going to be employed to send you home — and I have been used for that purpose before.

"I bring you the greetings of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest military organization in the Commonwealth, and, I dare say, the oldest in the country, for it was founded in 1637, chartered in 1638, and has been in continuous existence ever since. We are prone in these busy times to think of our selfish interests and to have little time for the common good of others; we are prone to think of the 'mighty dollar' or the cheap fun that is around us, and yet we sometimes think of the past, and to me an organization such as the Ancients, the Grand Army, and these kindred organizations — the Legion and Foreign Wars and the Spanish War Veterans — are something that it is a great privilege to belong to.

"I hope that many of you were able to go up the stairs from Faneuil Hall and visit our armory, the oldest in continuous existence in the United States; I hope you went into our museum and saw the relics of all the wars. I hope you saw Gen. Beauregard's horse equipment that he bought in France and thought he was going to ride on, but which were taken from the 'Alabama' when the 'Kearsarge' had that little argument with it. The equipment was never used, and stands in the case there apparently as good as it was sixty years ago. I trust you saw the pictures of our past commanders on the walls, dating back to 1639, the great men in the colony of Massachusetts and in the commonwealth; and that you noted on the walls there that practically every picture from 1850 to 1890 represented a past commander who was a veteran of the Civil War. I hope you saw Gen. Banks there, and Gen. Lawrence and Col. Walker, and others whom you doubtless knew well.

"It is an inspiration to the youth of the country to hark back to the old days of the past, when men were struggling for what they thought was the right, and when selfish interests were not uppermost, — but when a man's country, his city, his state and his home meant more than the cheap fun of running around or loafing on the street corners. [Applause.]

"And, my comrades, we are very proud that we still have today Veterans of the War of the Rebellion in our ranks, and we honor them on every occasion as they well deserve to be honored and as you deserve to be honored. I thank you."

Commander Ham: "There is one more national representative and distinguished officer present whom I will introduce before I turn the gavel over to the Dept. Commander-elect, and that is Gen. Samuel P. Town of Pennsylvania." [Applause.]

Adj.-Gen. Town: "I think you have heard sufficiently in regard to the Grand Army of the Republic from our Commander-in-Chief, but I thank you, Dept. Commander Ham, for giving me the opportunity to say a word or two.



"I have been most agreeably impressed during my visit to Boston attending this Dept. Encampment. After fifteen years experience as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Pennsylvania. I had come to the conclusion that I had nothing further to learn about G. A. R. matters; but since coming to Boston and having attended your Encampment and those of your auxiliary bodies, and then been present at this magnificent banquet, I find that I have been wrong and shall have to admit that Massachusetts takes the lead; we have never had such a banquet of a Department Encampment in Pennsylvania as I am having the pleasure of attending here today. But why shouldn't you? — when you have behind you the governor of the state, the mayor of this city and all your officers in this municipality? — they are all backing you up, and there is no reason why you should not be so very prosperous as you seem to be at this time.

"I shall go back to Pennsylvania having something to tell of how you men in Massachusetts conduct your affairs, — how, as we have heard from the comrade who has charge of your pension department, — how that is managed. All of which is something new to us, and it is therefore for me to go back and tell my comrades in Pennsylvania that we shall have to take off our hats to Massachusetts." [Great applause.]

Commander Ham: "I will now deliver my valedictory and turn the gavel over to my successor. Comrades, during the past year you have given me your loyal support throughout the Commonwealth, and my heart will ever go out to you with memories that will never fail; as long as the breath of life is in me I shall remember these noble faces that have been before me in the present Department convention in Faneuil Hall.

"And now, Mr. Commander, I turn the gavel over to you, and may the mantle of our love encourage and direct you to be the coming man in the Grand Army of Massachusetts. And knowing your character, knowing your love for the comrades, knowing your devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, I feel sure that you will fulfill our expectations and ably perform all the duties that may come to your hands. I thank you, comrades." [Great applause.]

Dept. Commander William L. Gage: "In receiving this gavel from you Commander Ham, I take it with the hope that I may in some measure carry on the work of the Department during the coming year as well as you have conducted it.

"I shall do all in my power to fulfill every duty I have obligated myself to do. I am glad to be a member of the G. A. R., especially after hearing the words that have been spoken here this afternoon eulogizing the Grand Army I do not understand how anybody could fail to be proud of membership. It is certainly a noble organization and one any comrade would be proud to stand at the head of.

"I trust that during my administration we shall meet frequently, and I shall endeavor to the best of my ability to meet you on different occasions; and I hope when the day comes around for the next Department Encampment that I may see all your faces here again as rugged and well as you are today. Comrades, God bless you all. I thank you." [Cheers and applause.]

## GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, April 14, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

Having been elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command. The following officers were elected and appointed:

*Commander*, BENJAMIN A. HAM, Post 2, South Boston.  
*Senior Vice-Commander*, WILLIAM L. GAGE, Post 87, South Braintree.  
*Junior Vice-Commander*, HENRY M. COMEY, Post 90, Danvers.  
*Medical Director*, Dr. WALTER B. WHITING, Post 191, Boston.  
*Chaplain*, Rev. GEORGE M. NEAD, Post 169, Norwood.

**Appointed Officers.**

*Assistant Adjutant General*, EBEN W. PIKE, Post 30, Cambridge.

*Assistant Quartermaster-General*, WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newtonville.

*Judge Advocate*, EDWARD J. FOSTER, Post 10, Worcester.

*Inspector*, L. R. MARSTON, Post 2, South Boston.

*Chief Mustering Officer*, WILLIAM H. MORGAN, Post 89, Beverly.

*Patriotic Instructor*, HORACE GOODWIN, Post 16, Springfield.

*Chief of Staff*, HENRY A. MONK, Post 87, South Braintree.

**Council of Administration.**

D. W. HAMMOND, Post 47, Haverhill.

HENRY WHITEMORE, Post 29, Waltham.

DAVID KING, Post 15, Boston.

JAMES H. WEBB, Post 88, Quincy.

A. B. P. KELLY, Post 5, Lynn.

**Office Hours** will be from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays from 9 to 12 A.M.

**Aides-de-Camp.** Post Commanders are requested to send AT ONCE to these Headquarters names with the address of comrades to serve as Aides on the Department Commander's staff.

**Requisitions.** All Requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by Cash, Check or Money Order to pay for same. All checks, money orders, etc., must be paid to Eben W. Pike, Assistant Adjutant General.

**Delegates to Next National Encampment.** The following-named delegates and alternates to the next national encampment, to be held in Boston August 10 to 17, were elected at the Department Encampment:

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

<i>Delegate-at-Large</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Alternate-at-Large</i>	<i>Post</i>
Luther W. Bixby . . . . .	26	Henry Bennett . . . . .	8
<i>Representatives</i>		<i>Alternates</i>	
DISTRICT No. 1			
Henry M. Hopkins . . . . .	3	John J. Holmes . . . . .	1
John Gilbert . . . . .	46	John H. Lawrence . . . . .	1
DISTRICT No. 2			
Alvin C. Howe . . . . .	8	Obed H. Ellis . . . . .	78
DISTRICT No. 3			
James H. Webb . . . . .	88	William H. Webber . . . . .	143
J. E. Bronson . . . . .	144	Frank Sinclair . . . . .	144
DISTRICT No. 4			
A. B. Collier . . . . .	92	Isaac S. Mullen . . . . .	134
Walter E. Swan . . . . .	68	E. A. Ditmus . . . . .	134
DISTRICT No. 5			
Eugene M. Libby . . . . .	5	William S. Roundy . . . . .	82
William E. Carlton . . . . .	49	Thomas Felter . . . . .	5
Eli V. Hunt . . . . .	82	W. H. Morgan . . . . .	89
DISTRICT No. 6			
John Flood . . . . .	62	A. Otis Chamberlin . . . . .	30
Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . .	56	W. F. Brown . . . . .	163
Henri Batchelder . . . . .	156	Jeremiah J. Gilman . . . . .	30

John W. Fairbanks . . . . .	80	Charles E. Brock . . . . .	22
Edwin J. Foster . . . . .	10	Alvah Heald . . . . .	53

DISTRICT No. 8

William H. Abbott . . . . .	71	E. C. Witherell . . . . .	16
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DISTRICT No. 9

John R. Sears . . . . .	174	J. Horton . . . . .	174
James R. Hamilton . . . . .	171	A. S. Slate . . . . .	17

By order of

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, April 24, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 2.

MEMORIAL DAY AND FLAG DAY.

**Memorial Day.** General John A. Logan, then Commander in Chief, issued an order on May 5, 1868, in which was designated May 30 as Memorial Day. The Forty-Fifth National Encampment by its action designated the day as Memorial Day and with the requirement that Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was required to be read on that day when services were conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Exercises in Schools.** Post Patriotic Instructors should arrange with comrades and teachers of schools for appropriate exercises on some day previous to Memorial Day.

**Memorial Day Parade.** In all parades of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans are the official escort. If there is no Camp attached to the Post, the Commander may assign the escort to whom he pleases.

*Flag Day.*

**Flag Day.** By an Act of Congress June 14 has been assigned as the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes as the Flag of the Nation, therefore that day is designated as Flag Day.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** It is desired that an advance in the Spirit of Patriotism be made through memorizing this pledge, and it is hoped that it be committed to memory and repeated on Memorial Day, at morning, noon and night.

"I pledge my allegiance to the American Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice to all."

**Elections and Installations.** At the Fifty-eighth Department Encampment it was voted that the Resolution changing the time of elections and installations be adopted. Therefore the regular time for such services will be, for elections the first meeting in October and for installations the first meeting in November, to take effect in 1924.

By command of

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*



FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
 BOSTON, May 10, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 3.

Comrade Eben W. Pike has resigned his position as Assistant Adjutant General, on account of his continued poor health. The Commander, in accepting this resignation does so with a deep sense of regret.

Comrade Pike has been a diligent and faithful officer and this action on his part will be a great disappointment to all our comrades.

May the Great Commander give to our comrade renewed health and strength and may we have him in our midst for many years to come.

On account of the resignation of Comrade Eben W. Pike, Comrade Wilfred A. Wetherbee is hereby appointed Assistant Adjutant General.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Until further notice all communications should be addressed and all Checks and money orders made to the order of Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant General, Room 27, State House, Boston.

Comrade Eugene D. Sanborn is hereby appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
 BOSTON, June 18, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
 No. 4.

**Election and Installation of Officers.** In accordance with the change in the Rules and Regulations, which change was unanimously adopted at the last Department Encampment, it is hereby ordered:

**The Election of Post Officers** shall take place on the first stated meeting in October of each year and the installation of such officers shall take place at the first stated meeting in November.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The fifty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Boston during the week of August 10th.

**Monday Afternoon.** The Dept. Aides-de-Camp will report at Department Headquarters, Hotel Vendome, at three o'clock sharp. Massachusetts Comrades entitled to seats in the National Encampment are requested to report at the same place at 4 o'clock, to receive their credentials and to transact other preparatory business.

**Monday Evening.** A semi-official meeting will be held in Symphony Hall, Huntington Avenue. This meeting will be open to members of the Grand Army and its allied organizations and to the public. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by His Excellency Gov. Channing H. Cox, His Honor Mayor James M. Curley and others.

**Tuesday Morning.** The parade will start at 10 o'clock sharp; the length of march is about one mile. It will be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief, with Gov. Cox and Mayor Curley as his special guests, at the Grand Stand on Tremont Street, opposite West Street.

The Massachusetts Department will form at 10 o'clock on the south side of Commonwealth Avenue, right resting on Arlington Street.



Posts having a fairly large representation will march as Posts, with their colors, taking position on the right. Small Posts will be formed in a provisional regiment, or may consolidate with their neighboring Posts. Colors will be massed at right of line except in cases where a post parades as an organization. Seniority of posts will not be observed.

Automobiles will be provided for those who cannot march. They will be parked at the extreme left of the column.

Comrades participating in the parade will appear in Grand Army uniform, white gloves, but *without belts*.

Comrades are requested to remove all decorations except the regulation Grand Army badge *during the parade*. It is hoped that every comrade will willingly accede to this request.

Aides-de-Camp will appear in Grand Army uniform, slouch hats, white gloves, but without belts or side arms.

Past-Department Commanders and Delegates to the National Encampment are invited to march with the staff of the Department Commander. They, with the Aides-de-Camp, will report to Henry A. Monk, Chief-of-Staff.

Naval veterans will form immediately behind the youngest department and immediately in front of the Department of Massachusetts.

Tuesday Evening. A Camp-fire will be held in Mechanics Hall at 8 o'clock. Bands, Quartets and addresses by prominent speakers.

Wednesday Forenoon and Afternoon. Session of the National Encampment will convene in Symphony Hall at 10 o'clock. Delegates will be admitted by the credential badge. A free luncheon to the delegates only will be served by the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps in the basement of Symphony Hall.

Wednesday Evening. A reception will be tendered to Commander-in-Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber by the National Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons and Daughters of Veterans and the Auxiliary of The Sons of Veterans, in the Cadet Armory on Columbus Avenue, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday. Closing session of the Encampment. At its close a lunch will be served to the delegates as on the previous day.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

	Post		Post		Post
George L. Hall	2	James Beatty	29	Joshua S. Gray	74
Benjamin M. Campbell	2	J. J. Gilman	30	John Lane	78
Edward A. Cutter	2	A. Otis Chamberlain	30	Joseph H. Haskell	92
John C. Chase	3	Jere J. Ford	32	Charles L. Ridgway	113
Henry N. Hopkins	3	Albert A. Nickerson	35	George E. W. Ide	121
J. A. Wiggin	4	J. Murray Atwood	35	Isaac S. Mullen	134
William R. Dempsey	4	Andrew McGinnes	36	Thomas J. Buffum	139
John Chamberlin	5	Thomas A. Hodgdon	40	John S. Frost	139
Charles O. Newell	7	Francis Davis	45	Wm. W. O'Connell	143
James P. Chase	9	John Minikin	46	Wm. H. Webber	143
Genery T. Darling	10	Edward G. Frothingham	47	John W. Bean	145
Edward C. Ireland	10	George W. Heath	47	O. J. Randlett	146
George S. Campbell	11	Alvah Heald	53	George A. Persons	156
Stanley B. Dearborn	12	James L. Ireland	56	Wm. A. Reed	163
John J. Lyman	15	George I. Hunt	58	J. E. May	169
A. A. Buxton	19	Rupert J. Chute	60	L. A. Lauriat	170
James M. Litchfield	19	Daniel Green	63	Albert F. Gilman	185
J. H. S. Pearson	23	Albert Patch	66	Edward B. Smith	190
Frank H. Bell	26	Jerome J. Pratt	68	George A. Gay	195
W. W. Copeland	26	Charles A. Niles	72	George W. Green	200
James F. Flynn	26	Charles W. Smith	74	John J. Ryder	203

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Aug. 18, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 5. }

**The Annual Election** of Post Officers, and of representatives and alternates to the next Department Encampment, must be held at the first stated meeting in October.

The ratio of representatives in the Encampment is as follows: one representative and one alternate for every twenty members in good standing October 1, 1924, with one additional representative and alternate for the fraction of more than one half that number; but every Post is entitled to at least one representative and one alternate.

As Post Commander and Senior and Junior Vice Commander are by virtue of their office members of the Encampment, they should NOT be elected as representatives.

Credential Blanks and Quartermasters Bond are enclosed herein, and the former should be filled out properly, including the names of the living Past Post Commanders and should be mailed immediately, after the election of officers, to these Headquarters.

The Obituary and Annual Report Blanks will not be made out till Dec. 31, as usual.

**The Installations** shall take place at the first meeting in November. Names of Installing Officers must be sent to these Headquarters on or before October 15, in order that they may be given in General Orders to be issued October 20.

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Oct. 20, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 6. }

I. On recommendation of William H. Morgan, Chief Mustering Officer, the following-named comrades are hereby detailed to install officers of the Posts indicated.

William L. Gage, Senior Vice-Commander, Post 191.

Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Post 23, 62, 63, 68, 87, 94, 92, 102, 200.

George A. Hosley, National Chief of Staff, Post 11.

George W. Wilder, Past Dept. Commander, Post 163.

Edwin F. Morrill, Past Dept. Commander, Post 1, 7, 30, 36, 40, 139

Henry Clark, Past Dept. Commander, Post 5, 66, 89, 49, 156.

George W. Pratt, Past Dept. Commander, Post 72.

John M. Woods, Post 144.

William H. Morgan, Chief Mustering Officer, Post 2, 34, 45, 47, 50.

William H. Wormstead, Past Sen. Vice Com. in Chief, Post 82.

George N. Alden, Post 190.

Welcome B. Aldrich, Post 192.

John W. Bean, Post 145.

Charles W. Bamford, Post 128.

Frank H. Bell, Post 4, 15, 26, 134, 143.

William F. Brown, Post 31-91.

William I. Brightman, Post 182.

Benjamin F. Brooks, Post 69.

Charles E. Brock, Post 60.

E. G. Bly, Post 114.

William H. Buck, Post 27.

Andrew L. Bush, Post 41.

James Armstrong, Post 10.

A. E. Chamberlain, Post 6.

Rupert J. Chute, Post 169.

George W. Corey, Post 173.

George A. Dietz, Post 18.

James A. Dike, Post 70.

Genery T. Darling, Post 77.

M. N. Dennett, Post 122.

Amos H. Eaton, Post 109.

John Flood, Post 81.

A. W. Fulton, Post 79.

John W. Fairbanks, Post 43.

Thomas H. Felter, Post 95.

Albert I. Gilman, Post 185.

George A. Gay, Post 195.

John Hernes, Post 99.

Henry N. Hopkins, Post 3, 170.

Lucius E. Heath, Post 22, 130.

Francis A. Ireland, Post 197.

R. I. Jones, Post 110.

Charles H. Littlefield, Post 39.

D. L. Page, Post 42.

Quincy A. Merritt, Post 78.

Charles H. Poole, 74, 112, 127.

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F. S. Pevey, Post 120.

John H. Stoddard, Post 104.

F. H. Stevens, Post 9.

Walter H. Smith, Post 8.

J. H. Webb, Post 88.

Samuel J. Wade, Post 52.

Henry Whittemore, Post 29.

Charles B. Yeaton, Post 35, 76, 199.

Mrs. W. H. Howard of Corps Post 57,  
171.

Edward J. Foster, Post 80.

II. Installation service shall be held at the first stated meeting in November, or they may be held publicly at a special meeting held for that purpose, at which no part of the opening or closing service shall be used.

POST COMMANDERS SHOULD AT ONCE COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR INSTALLING OFFICER, giving time and place of meeting.

In the absence of the Mustering Officer any National or Department Officer can act in any Post or the Senior Past Post Commander can act in his own Post. *Expenses of mustering officers must be paid by the Posts.*

With this order is transmitted a blank report of installing officer. Adjutants should have this report filled out and hand it to the installing officer.

The annual reports will not be due until December 31, as heretofore. Blanks for this report will be sent to Posts in due time. No installation can take place unless the per capita tax of 15 cents for each member due June 30, 1924, has been forwarded to the Department.

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

Please read this carefully and act accordingly.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Nov. 25, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 7. }

I. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations the Annual Reports on Forms A and B, together with the *per capita tax*, are due on December 31. Blanks for the same are herein enclosed and must be filled out immediately after the last meeting in December. Post Commanders should see that this be done promptly, and that the per capita tax of fifteen cents on each member in good standing at the last meeting in December, 1924, together with the above-named reports be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than Jan. 10, 1925.

Quartermasters and Adjutants should compare their list of members, and see that the amount of the per capita tax is correct.

II. Obituary Blanks are also enclosed. These should be filled out, giving the name, rank, company and regiment of all comrades who have passed into the Great Camping Ground during the year, and forwarded to Department Headquarters at once.

The following form should be used. Write plainly.



NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Co.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
John W. Smith .	Nov. 11, 1924	Private	B	42nd Mass. Infantry .	Spencer, Mass.
Henry H. White .	Feb. 17, 1924	Sergt.	C	1st Mass. Cavalry .	Boston, Mass.
Charles T. Brown .	Mch. 6, 1924	Corp.	-	1st Mass. Battery .	Brighton
Wm. H. Black .	Apr. 5, 1924	Seaman	Navy	U.S.S. Roanoke and Ohio .	Lynn

III. Many of the Posts have not sent in their Credential Reports up to the present time. They should be forwarded at once. Adjutants will please take notice. It is the desire of the Department that the small posts will "stick to the ship" to the last man. But to do this, Post Officers must show interest enough to *forward their reports and per capita to Headquarters promptly.*

Post Commanders desiring to recommend a Comrade as aid on the staff of the Department Commander must send the name and address to the Assistant Adjutant General on or before Dec. 6, 1924.

Per order,

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, Dec. 23, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 8.

I. General Orders No. 5, issued in August, gave notice to Posts that election of officers must take place in October, and the installations must be held in November.

Orders were also given that the Credential reports should be forwarded to these Headquarters immediately after the election in October. Up to the present date 39 posts have not reported.

October 20, General Orders No. 6 ordered Installing Officers to forward their reports immediately after the installation in November. Up to date 44 Installing Officers have not reported.

Unless these Credentials and Installing officers are received at these Headquarters on or before January 5, Posts must not complain if their officers and delegates are refused credentials for the Department Encampment.

It is the desire of your Commander to be as lenient as possible. But if the Posts have not enough interest to send in their reports and per capita tax, the Commander has but one option, and that, to present the cases to the Council of Administration for its action, which can only be the cancellation of the Post charters.

Comrades: I beg of you after more than fifty years of honorable service in the Grand Army, do not let it go forth in your local towns that your post has been dropped from the rolls because its officers would not perform the slight duties required of them.

The Countersign for 1925 is issued with this order.

Per order,

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

The Annual Reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters and Per Capita Tax are now due, and must be received at these Headquarters on or before January 10, 1925.



GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 9. }

I. The Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Tuesday, April 7, 1925, at 10 A.M.

II. James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett, having tendered its services for guard duty at the Encampment, Commander Edwin F. Morrill will detail one comrade for Officer of the Day, one for Officer of the Guard and six comrades as Guards. They will report in full uniform, without arms, to the Assistant Adjutant General at Faneuil Hall, at 9 o'clock A.M., Tuesday morning, April 7.

III. Department Headquarters will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment. They will open at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, April 9, when all comrades will be cordially welcomed.

- IV. **Railroad Fares Important!!**

- (a) The railroads have agreed to make a reduction of fares from all points where the regular fare is 67 cents or more.
- (b) From those stations a price of one-and-one-half fare will be given for the round trip to Boston and return.
- (c) Parties desiring to take advantage of this reduction must apply to the station some days in advance in order that the agent may have certificate necessary to procure a homeward-bound ticket for half fare.
- (d) Immediately on arrival at the Encampment, present your certificate to Assistant-Adjt.-Gen. Wetherbee for endorsement.
- (e) A special railroad agent will be present on April 7 and 8 from 8.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. to validate the certificate for the return ticket. Validation will be made on those dates and hours only.
- (f) After validation you will be entitled up to and including April 11th to present your certificate to the ticket agent and purchase a return ticket via the same route as the going trip, at one-half the regular fare to the point at which your certificate was issued.
- (g) Refund of fare will not be made on account of failure to obtain certificate on the dates mentioned, or for any reason not in accordance with the prescribed conditions under which the arrangement is made. This reduction will be given to members only, of the Grand Army, and its allied organizations.

V. The Annual Banquet will take place at the close of the Encampment in Kinsley Hall, Ford Building about 1.30 April 8. Tickets \$1.50 each, and can be obtained of the Asst. Adjutant General. Good Speakers will be present. Don't miss it.

VI. Under separate cover are forwarded to the Post Commander, the CREDENTIALS of the members entitled to seats in the Encampment. They will see that they are promptly placed in the hands of those for whom they are intended, together with the admonition that they do not forget to take them with them when they leave home. They are necessary to obtain admittance into the Encampment.

VII. Concord and Lexington will hold a big celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the battles that took place in those towns in 1775, on April 19. Concord will celebrate in the forenoon and Lexington in the afternoon. Comrades of the Grand Army are cordially invited to be the guests of the two towns. Full details will be found in the daily papers later.

VIII. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

	Post		Post
John Lawrence . . . . .	1	W. C. Colgate . . . . .	33
Benj. M. Campbell . . . . .	2	W. H. Abbott . . . . .	41
John Farley . . . . .	2	E. T. Winchester . . . . .	45
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George L. Hall . . . . .	2	Alvah Heald . . . . .	53
Henry N. Hopkins . . . . .	3	Chas. O. Burbank . . . . .	66
Edward Gilroy . . . . .	3	Obed H. Ellis . . . . .	78
Thos. Felton . . . . .	5	Benj. W. R. Chase . . . . .	82
F. E. Sprague . . . . .	5	John D. Williams . . . . .	88
Chas. O. Newell . . . . .	7	A. A. Rackliffe . . . . .	90
Alvin C. Howes . . . . .	8	Geo. H. Sands . . . . .	91
James P. Clare . . . . .	9	Rufus I. Jones . . . . .	110
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A. Otis Chamberlin . . . . .	30		

### In Memoriam

Past Dept. Commander Edwin P. Stanley died Dec. 27, 1924.

Headquarters Clerk, Comrade Geo. A. Dietz, passed out Jan. 11, 1925.

Past Assistant Adjutant General Eben W. Pike was called away Feb. 16.

These comrades have endeared themselves to all who knew them and will be missed from our meetings.

Per order,

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Commander.*

W. A. WETHERBEE,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*

### SPECIAL ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, May 5, 1924.

SPECIAL ORDERS }  
No. 1. }

### MEMORIAL DAY.

(I) By order of the National Encampment as an essential part of the services of the day, General Logan's General Order No. 11, of May 5, 1868, will be read. The following is a copy of Past Commander-in-Chief Logan's Memorial Day Order:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 11. }

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and those bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon the Nation's gratitude — the Soldier's and Sailor's Widow and Orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department officers will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By command of,

JOHN A. LOGAN,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

N. P. CHIPMAN,  
*Adjutant General.*

President Lincoln's immortal and touching poem of patriotism in prose will then be pronounced.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

By command of

BENJAMIN A. HAM,  
*Department Commander.*

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,  
*Acting Assistant Adjutant General.*



# ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

## Headquarters, State House, Boston.

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

BENJAMIN A. HAM, <i>Commander</i>	Post 2, South Boston.
WILLIAM L. GAGE, <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i>	Post 87, South Braintree.
HENRY N. COMEY, <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i>	Post 90, Danvers.
WALTER B. WHITING, <i>Medical Director</i>	Post 191, Boston.
REV. GEORGE W. NEAD, <i>Chaplain</i>	Post 169, Norwood.

### OFFICIAL STAFF.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Assistant Adjutant General</i>	Post 62, Newton.
EUGENE D. SANBORN, <i>Assistant Quartermaster-General</i>	Post 15, Boston.
EDWARD J. FOSTER, <i>Judge-Advocate</i>	Post 10, Worcester.
L. R. MARSTON, <i>Inspector</i>	Post 2, South Boston.
W. H. MORGAN, <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>	Post 89, Beverly.
HORACE GOODWIN, <i>Patriotic Instructor</i>	Post 16, Springfield.
HENRY A. MONK, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>	Post 87, South Braintree.

### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

DAVID KING	Post 15, Boston.
JAMES H. WEBB	Post 88, Quincy.
A. P. B. KELLY	Post 5, Lynn.
D. W. HAMMOND	Post 47, Haverhill.
HENRY WHITTEMORE	Post 29, Waltham.
GEORGE A. DIETZ, <i>Headquarters Clerk</i>	Post 30, Cambridge.

### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

	Post.	Year.	Location.
JOHN D. BILLINGS	186	1884	Cambridge.
W. A. WETHERBEE	62	1894	Newton.
J. PAYSON BRADLEY	2	1906	Boston.
GEORGE A. HOSLEY	11	1912	Charlestown.
THOMAS J. AMES	53	1913	Leominster.
JOHN M. WOODS	139	1914	Somerville.
ALFRED H. KNOWLES	36	1915	Arlington.
DANIEL E. DENNY	10	1917	Worcester.
EDWIN P. STANLEY	67	1918	Manchester.
GEORGE W. WILDER	15	1919	Boston.
HORACE GOODWIN	16	1920	Springfield.
EDWIN F. MORRILL	156	1921	Everett.
HENRY CLARK	36	1922	Arlington.
GEORGE W. PRATT	72	1922	Stoughton.

### DECEASED.

	Post.	Year.	Date of Death.
AUSTIN S. CUSHMAN	1	1866-67	Jan. 29, 1907
A. B. R. SPRAUKE	10	1868	May 17, 1910
FRANCIS A. OSBORN	15	1869	Mar. 11, 1914
JAMES L. BATES	85	1870	Nov. 11, 1875
WILLIAM COGSWELL	34	1871	May 22, 1895
ADIN B. UNDERWOOD	62	1873	Jan. 14, 1888
JOHN W. KIMBALL	19	1874	July 15, 1910
GEORGE S. MERRILL	39	1875	Feb. 17, 1900



	Post.	Year.	Date of Death.
HORACE B. SARGENT . . . . .	15	1876-78	Jan. 18, 1908
JOHN G. B. ADAMS . . . . .	5	1879	Oct. 19, 1900
JOHN A. HAWES . . . . .	1	1880	Mar. 10, 1883
GEORGE W. CREASEY . . . . .	49	1881	July 3, 1909
GEORGE H. PATCH . . . . .	63	1882	July 26, 1887
GEORGE S. EVANS . . . . .	30	1883	April 7, 1903
JOHN W. HERSEY . . . . .	16	1885	Oct. 25, 1912
RICHARD F. TOBIN . . . . .	2	1886	Nov. 22, 1893
CHARLES D. NASH . . . . .	78	1887	Aug. 5, 1910
MYRON P. WALKER . . . . .	97	1888	Mar. 25, 1911
GEORGE L. GOODALE . . . . .	66	1889	Jan. 30, 1911
GEORGE H. INNIS . . . . .	2	1890	Jan. 19, 1907
ARTHUR A. SMITH . . . . .	20	1891	Mar. 21, 1907
JAMES K. CHURCHILL . . . . .	10	1892	Dec. 6, 1912
ELI W. HALL . . . . .	5	1893	Nov. 26, 1920
JOS. W. THAYER . . . . .	35	1895	July 22, 1905
WILLIAM P. DERBY . . . . .	16	1896	Feb. 6, 1901
JOHN M. DEANE . . . . .	46	1897	Sept. 2, 1914
WM. H. BARTLETT . . . . .	10	1898	July 5, 1901
JOHN E. GILMAN . . . . .	26	1899	Feb. 20, 1921
PETER D. SMITH . . . . .	99	1900	Jan. 16, 1911
SILAS A. BARTON . . . . .	29	1901	May 27, 1911
W. W. BLACKMAR . . . . .	113	1902	July 16, 1905
DWIGHT O. JUDD . . . . .	71	1903	Nov. 26, 1906
LUCIUS FIELD . . . . .	64	1904	Aug. 23, 1910
JAMES H. WOLFF . . . . .	92	1905	May 3, 1913
DANIEL H. L. GLEASON . . . . .	63	1907	April 8, 1917
ALFRED S. ROE . . . . .	10	1908	Jan. 6, 1917
JOHN L. PARKER . . . . .	5	1909	Feb. 27, 1917
J. WILLARD BROWN . . . . .	186	1910	Dec. 7, 1910
GRANVILLE C. FISKE . . . . .	18	1910-11	Aug. 11, 1919
FRANCIS E. MOLE . . . . .	126	1916	Dec. 29, 1919

*Honorably discharged from the Order*

HENRY R. SIBLEY, Post 11, 1872.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

<i>Delegate-at-Large</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Alternate-at-Large</i>	<i>Post</i>
Luther W. Bixby . . . . .	26	Henry Bennett . . . . .	8
<i>Representatives</i>		<i>Alternates</i>	
DISTRICT No. 1.			
Henry M. Hopkins . . . . .	3	John J. Holmes . . . . .	1
John Gilbert . . . . .	46	John H. Lawrence . . . . .	1
DISTRICT No. 2.			
Alvin C. Howe . . . . .	8	Obed H. Ellis . . . . .	78
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James H. Webb . . . . .	88	William H. Webber . . . . .	143
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<i>Representatives</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Alternates</i>	<i>Post</i>
Eugene M. Libby . . . . .	5	William S. Roundy . . . . .	82
William E. Carlton . . . . .	49	Thomas Felter . . . . .	5
Eli V. Hunt . . . . .	82	W. H. Morgan . . . . .	89

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John Flood . . . . .	62	A. Otis Chamberlin . . . . .	30
Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . .	56	W. F. Brown . . . . .	163
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John W. Fairbanks . . . . .	80	Charles E. Brock . . . . .	22
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William H. Abbott . . . . .	71	E. C. Witherell . . . . .	16
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Mansfield . . . . .	170	Springfield . . . . .	16
Marblehead . . . . .	82	Stoneham . . . . .	75
Marlborough . . . . .	43	Stoughton . . . . .	72
Marshfield Hills . . . . .	189	Sturbridge . . . . .	173
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Medford . . . . .	66	Taunton . . . . .	3
Melrose . . . . .	4	Upton . . . . .	105
Merrimac . . . . .	114	Uxbridge . . . . .	25
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Middleborough . . . . .	8	Walpole . . . . .	157
Milford . . . . .	22	Waltham . . . . .	29
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Milton . . . . .	102	Wareham . . . . .	208
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Nantucket . . . . .	207	Webster . . . . .	61
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Needham . . . . .	181	Westborough . . . . .	80
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ROSTER OF POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.  
*Numerically arranged with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.*

[Where no address is given it is the same as that of the Post.]

NAME.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1924.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Time of Meeting.
Wm. Logan Rodman	1	New Bedford	36	Nahum F. Nickerson	Oct. 4, 1886	Wednesday afternoon.
Dahlgren . . . . .	2	South Boston	32	Leander R. Marston .	Feb. 26, 1880	1st and 3d Wednesday after- noons.
Wm. H. Bartlett	3	Taunton	58	Oscar A. Hillard, 16 Spring Street	Jan. 2, 1887	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
U. S. Grant . . . . .	4	Melrose	36	Charles L. Moore . . .	Feb. 19, 1887	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
General Lander . . . . .	5	Lynn . . . . .	176	A. P. B. Kelly, G. A. R. Hall .	Feb. 27, 1887	Thursday afternoon.
P. T. Wymen . . . . .	6	Holliston . . . . .	18	George R. Russell . . .	Mar. 8, 1887	2d Tuesday.
Charles Russell Lowell	7	Boston . . . . .	47	Charles O. Newell, 1151 Washington Street	Mar. 11, 1887	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
F. W. Pierce . . . . .	8	Middleborough	34	A. C. Hones . . . . .	Mar. 13, 1887	Saturday afternoon.
Reno . . . . .	9	Hudson . . . . .	20	Charles A. Hearsey, Gleasondale	May 27, 1887	Wednesday.
George H. Ward . . . . .	10	Worcester . . . . .	203	Edwin J. Foster . . . . .	Apr. 13, 1887	Thursday afternoon.
Abraham Lincoln . . . . .	11	Charlestown . . . . .	48	Joseph F. Stoddard . . .	Apr. 23, 1887	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Horace M. Warren . . . . .	12	Wakefield . . . . .	32	J. Warren Poland, 230 Main Street	Aug. 16, 1887	1st Saturday afternoon.
Fletcher Webster . . . . .	13	Brookton . . . . .	70	John T. Crawford, 27 Winter Street, Mon- tello	July 1, 1887	Wednesday.
C. C. Phillips . . . . .	14	Hopkinton . . . . .	14	Edwin A. Newton, Woodville .	Feb. 28, 1903	Monday afternoon.
John A. Andrew . . . . .	15	Boston . . . . .	68	David King . . . . .	Aug. 6, 1887	1st and 3d Fridays.
E. K. Wilcox . . . . .	16	Springfield . . . . .	118	Henry H. Hoisington . . .	Aug. 9, 1887	2d Saturday afternoon.
General Sedgwick . . . . .	17	Orange . . . . .	16	Edward Baker, 30 Burrill Avenue	Aug. 9, 1887	2d Friday afternoon.
Colonel Prescott . . . . .	18	Ashland . . . . .	15	Dana Wenzell . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1887	1st Saturday.
Edwin V. Sumner . . . . .	19	Fitchburg . . . . .	48	S. J. Thompson, 719 Westminster Hill Road . . . . .	Aug. 16, 1887	3d and 4th Saturdays.
H. S. Greenleaf . . . . .	20	Colrain . . . . .	3	Henry Bornstein, 4 Danforth Street, Ja- maica Plain . . . . .	Mar. 14, 1875	-
Frederick Hecker . . . . .	21	Boston . . . . .	7	Charles E. Brock, 36 Jefferson Street	Feb. 22, 1881	1st Thursday.
Moi. E. F. Fletcher . . . . .	22	Milford . . . . .	30	Joseph Rossiter, 123 Saratoga Street	Sept. 19, 1887	Wednesday.
Joseph Hooker . . . . .	23	East Boston . . . . .	16	Edwin A. Howe . . . . .	Sept. 17, 1887	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
A. B. R. Sprague . . . . .	24	Grafton . . . . .	9	Stephen Rice . . . . .	Sept. 25, 1887	Last Monday afternoon.
H. H. Legge . . . . .	25	Uxbridge . . . . .	5	Charles M. Grant . . . . .	Sept. 30, 1887	When called.
Thos. G. Stevenson . . . . .	26	Roxbury . . . . .	51	Richard H. Murray . . .	Oct. 1, 1887	2d and 4th Monday after- noons.
Charles Devens . . . . .	27	Oxford . . . . .	6		Nov. 14, 1870	1st and 3d Tuesday after- noons.



F. P. H. Rogers	29	Waltham	27	Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent Street	Oct. 21, 1867	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Wm. H. Smart	30	Cambridge	40	William Gallagher, 435 Main Street, Mel- rose	Oct. 23, 1867	1st and 3d Thursdays.
George W. Perry	31	Scituate	12	Edward F. Merritt	July 15, 1875	2d Thursday afternoon.
Washington	32	South Boston	15	John F. Murphy, 58 Thurston Street, West Somerville	Nov. 6, 1867	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Burbank	33	Woburn	5	W. C. Colgate, 43 Wyman Street	Nov. 6, 1867	Thursday.
Phil. H. Sheridan	34	Salem	67	Edward H. Pierson	Nov. 15, 1867	1st Wednesday afternoon.
Theodore Windthrop	35	Chelsea	59	Charles B. Yeaton	Nov. 16, 1867	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Francis Gould	36	Arlington	29	George H. Averill	May 26, 1881	2d and 4th Thursdays.
F. A. Stearns	37	Spencer	23	Robert E. Gibson	Nov. 20, 1867	1st and 3d Thursday after- noons.
Dexter	38	Brookfield	7	Charles F. Mullett	Nov. 27, 1867	Tuesday before full moon.
Needham	39	Lawrence	41	James Morgan, 43 Whitman Street	Dec. 10, 1867	1st Saturday.
Gen. H. G. Berry	40	Malden	42	Oscar C. Wallace, 393 Salem Street	Oct. 1, 1873	Thursday afternoon.
Lyon	41	Westfield	21	Edwin B. Smith	Jan. 1, 1868	1st Monday.
B. F. Butler	42	Lowell	23	Arthur McQuinn	Jan. 9, 1868	1st Wednesday.
John A. Rawlins	43	Marlborough	28	George H. Brigham, 280 East Main Street	Jan. 15, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
G. Wesley Nichols	44	Southborough	8	Samuel F. Draper, Fayville	May 17, 1878	2d Monday.
Colonel Allen	45	Gloucester	22	Edward G. Winchester	Jan. 21, 1868	First Saturday.
Richard Borden	46	Fall River	53	John Gilbert, 254 Locust Street	Jan. 22, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Major How	47	Haverhill	83	A. N. Batchelder, G. A. R. Hall	Jan. 28, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
George L. Boutwell	48	Ayer	21	Wesley O. Hawkes	Jan. 18, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. W. Bartlett	49	Newburyport	61	Orlando F. Hatch	Feb. 17, 1868	2d Friday afternoon.
Union	50	Peabody	32	Edward O. Moulton, Lynnfield	Apr. 18, 1879	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Ezra Bacheller	51	North Brookfield	15	George W. Bruce, School Street	Feb. 28, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. B. Randall	52	Eastondale	16	N. W. Slocum, South Easton	Feb. 29, 1868	3d Saturday afternoon.
Chas. H. Stevens	53	Leominster	15	Thomas J. Ames, Central Street, Leom- inster	June 13, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Charles Beck	56	Cambridge	14	Frank F. O'Reilly	June 26, 1868	1st Monday afternoon.
P. Stearns Davis	57	East Cambridge	8	Timothy Mahoney	June 29, 1868	1st Wednesday.
Reynolds	58	East Weymouth	42	Francis A. Bicknell, North Weymouth	July 2, 1868	Friday afternoon.
Franklin	60	Franklin	13	Anthony Conners	May 16, 1881	1st and 3d Monday after- noons.
Nathaniel Lyon	61	Webster	22	Michael Schofield, 45 East Main Street	July 21, 1868	2d and 4th Thursday after- noons.
Charles Ward	62	Newtonville	54	J. Coolidge Coffin	July 21, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Gen. Wadsworth	63	Natick	28	R. J. Fox	July 23, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
E. D. Baker	64	Clinton	15	John W. Reynolds, Grove Street	Aug. 17, 1868	1st Friday.
S. C. Lawrence	66	Medford	32	Charles O. Burbank, 45 Washington Street	Aug. 21, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Allen	67	Manchester	6	Edwin P. Stanley	Sept. 29, 1868	Friday.

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NAME.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1924	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Time of Meeting.
Benj. Stone, Jr.	68	Dorchester	47	A. A. Chittenden	Oct. 8, 1868	1st Saturday afternoon.
Joseph P. Rice	69	Westminster	.	Alonzo D. Wheeler, R. F. D., Westminster	Nov. 9, 1868	2d Saturday afternoon.
George A. Custer	70	Milbury	10	Lyman S. Waters, 24 Stoneland Road, Worcester	Aug. 3, 1876	1st and 3d Monday after- noons.
Kilpatrick	71	Holyoke	33	William H. Abbott, 169 Allyn Street	Nov. 25, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
A. St. John Chamber	72	Stoughton	38	James McElroy, 99 Bird Street	Nov. 30, 1868	1st and 3d Tuesday after- noons.
McPherson	73	Abington	15	John F. Hatch, Rockland	Dec. 23, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesday after- noons.
Hartsuff	74	Rockland	35	Wm. R. Groce, 117 Arlington Street	Jan. 11, 1869	Monday afternoon.
J. P. Gould	75	Stoneham	25	James O'Laughlin	Jan. 15, 1869	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Collingswood	76	Plymouth	24	Willie R. Butters, 242 Sandwich Road	Jan. 19, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
Theron E. Hall	77	Holden	7	Chas. E. Farrar	Jan. 19, 1869	1st Friday afternoon.
David A. Russell	78	Whitman	32	Bela Alden	Jan. 20, 1869	Tuesday afternoon.
Chas. D. Sanford	79	North Adams	32	Alfred A. Lee, 5 Wesleyon Street	Mar. 30, 1869	Friday afternoon.
Arthur G. Discoe	80	Westborough	23	John W. Fairbanks	June 18, 1881	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Isaac B. Patten	81	Watertown	17	Alvin F. Tollman	Dec. 20, 1870	2d Monday.
John Goodwin, Jr.	82	Marblehead	31	Eli V. Hunt	Mar. 29, 1869	1st and 3d Monday after- noons.
J. E. Wilder	83	Hanover	7	A. M. Curtis	Apr. 29, 1869	Tuesday on or before full moon.
J. W. Lawton	85	Ware	17	A. H. Richardson, Box 239, Gilbertville.	May 12, 1869	1st Wednesday afternoon.
W. L. Baker	86	Northampton	45	John P. Thompson	Aug. 4, 1882	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Gen. S. Thayer	87	South Braintree	25	Wm. L. Gage, Box 63	June 2, 1869	Saturday afternoon.
Paul J. Revere	88	Quincy	19	John D. Williams, 17 Quincy Street	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Thursdays.
J. H. Chipman, Jr.	89	Beverly	50	Wm. H. Morgan, 17 Swan Street	June 5, 1868	Thursday afternoon.
Ward	90	Danvers	30	Alonzo A. Rackliffe, 12 Lawrence Street	June 8, 1869	1st Monday afternoon.
E. R. Carpenter	91	Foxborough	9	T. B. Bourne	June 12, 1869	1st and 3d Wednesday after- noons.
Francis Washburn	92	Brighton	18	John Welch, 40 Colwell Avenue	Nov. 12, 1873	1st and 3d Mondays.
Ozro Miller	93	Shelburne Falls	15	E. F. Gillett	June 13, 1869	Wednesday afternoon.
Revere	94	Canton	10	Richmond L. Weston, P. O. Box 83	June 24, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.

Gen. E. Hincks	95	Saugus	10	Augustus H. Sutherland, Dow Street, Wakefield	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Tuesdays, 1st Thursday.
Joe Johnson	96	Northborough	6	Cyrus H. Bates	June 28, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
Henry Bryant	98	Colliasset	13	Henry S. Clukey	Jan. 12, 1883	1st Friday.
Col. W. F. Bartlett	99	Andover	13	John Q. Hill, 48 Pelham Street	Apr. 18, 1881	3d Tuesday afternoon.
Col. W. B. Greene	100	Methuen	9	Albert L. Lane	June 16, 1869	2d Wednesday.
Charles Sumner	101	Groveland	12	Nat. S. Barry, Box 114, Dedham	Apr. 3, 1879	1st Thursday.
Huntington F. Wolcott	102	Milton	12	Ezra Wilder, Main Street	July 26, 1869	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Edwin Humphrey	104	Hingham	8	George R. Pierce	July 15, 1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
J. Oron Fiske	105	Upton	8	Joseph M. Read, Granite Street, Pigeon Cove	Dec. 30, 1881	2d and last Saturday afternoons.
Otis W. Wallace	106	Rockport	6	George Woodbury	Aug. 18, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Everett Peabody	108	Georgetown	5	Judson S. Pinney	Oct. 11, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Erickson	109	East Templeton	14	Hiram S. Faunce	Oct. 29, 1869	1st and 3d Friday afternoons.
Capt. Horace Niles	110	Randolph	23	Benj. F. Toppin	Oct. 29, 1869	1st Tuesday afternoon.
Joseph E. Simmons	111	Pembroke	7	Alfred B. Litchfield	Nov. 1, 1869	1st Wednesday.
D. Willard Robinson	112	Norwell	49	Oliver P. Kicker, 15 Ashburton Place	Dec. 18, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Edward W. Kinsley	113	Boston	18	L. B. Blaisdell, Merrimacport	Dec. 20, 1869	1st Saturday.
Col. C. R. Mudge	114	Merrimac	5	Charles H. Berry	July 30, 1874	1st Saturday afternoon.
E. S. Clark	115	Groton	29	Amos B. Eaton, 139 East Broadway	Dec. 30, 1869	2d Wednesday afternoon.
D. G. Farragut	116	Gardner	4	E. C. Crocker	Jan. 23, 1870	2d Wednesday afternoon.
Moses Ellis	117	Medfield	16	Peter Gardiner	Jan. 24, 1870	1st and 2d Thursdays.
Gen. James L. Bates	118	Swampscott	8	William B. Foster, 12 Plainfield Street	May 23, 1873	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
George G. Meade	119	Lexington	46	George B. Barnett	Oct. 26, 1881	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
James A. Garfield	120	Lowell	26	John H. Kazar	Mar. 22, 1870	1st Saturday afternoon.
Timothy Ingraham	121	Hyde Park	20	Frank N. Bayley	Mar. 23, 1870	1st Saturday afternoon.
E. P. Wallace	122	Amesbury	18	Lynnan B. Hastings, Station A	June 12, 1870	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Parker	123	Athol	34	Edward C. Reagan, New Lenox	Mar. 10, 1882	1st Saturday afternoon.
W. W. Rockwell	125	Pittsfield	15	Francis E. Mole	June 12, 1870	1st Saturday afternoon.
George E. Sayles	126	Adams	5	John Scates	June 11, 1870	2d and 4th Saturdays.
T. L. Bonney	127	Hanson	20	Chas. W. Bamford, 47 Washington Street	Jan. 17, 1882	Saturday afternoon.
Gen. J. Appleton	128	Ipswich	4	Elmer L. Videtto	Apr. 25, 1883	1st Thursday.
W. H. Freeman	129	Blackstone	12	Eugene H. Newton	Mar. 18, 1882	2d Tuesday.
James H. Sargent	130	West Medway	8	J. Frank Giles, Sandwich	June 21, 1870	2d Tuesday afternoon.
George H. Thomas	131	Leicester	12	Granville Morse, Wrentham	Feb. 24, 1882	3d Monday afternoon.
Charles Chipman	132	Sandwich	19	E. A. Dittmus, 31 Cunaud Street, Roxbury	May 23, 1882	1st Thursday afternoon.
George H. Maintrain	133	Plainville	19	Homer W. Loring	June 29, 1870	1st Monday afternoon.
Robert A. Bell	134	Boston	26	George S. Towne	Dec. 30, 1873	1st Monday afternoon.
E. A. Shrewsbury	135	Shrewsbury	3	Thomas F. Smith	May 2, 1882	2d Wednesday.
Isaac Davis	138	West Acton	61	Albert W. Bright, 4 Davis Avenue	Aug. 18, 1870	Monday afternoon.
Willard C. Kinsley	139	Somerville	9		Feb. 22, 1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
H. V. Smith	140	Athol	20		Jan. 24, 1871	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
C. L. Chandler	143	Brookline				

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NAME.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1924.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Time of Meeting.
Chas. W. Carroll	144	Dedham	14	J. E. Bronson, 44 Sanderson Avenue, East Dedham	May 22, 1871	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Wm. A. Streeter	145	Attleboro	37	Nathan H. Read	June 6, 1871	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
Gen. Lawton	146	Lawrence	30	John A. Brackett, 48 Abbott Street, Lawrence		
E. M. Stanton	147	Amherst	24	O. W. Prouty, 5 Jewett Street, Northampton	Apr. 6, 1904	2d Wednesday afternoon.
A. D. Weld	148	Winchester	6	Henry Smalley	Oct. 31, 1882	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Maj. G. L. Stearns	149	Charlestown	8	P. H. Driscoll, 32 Pearl Street	May 22, 1872	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
Naylor Boyd	151	West Newbury	5	John A. Bradley	Dec. 11, 1872	4th Saturday quarterly.
O. H. P. Sargent	152	Essex	4	Gustavus W. Jones, R. F. D.	Jan. 10, 1874	1st and 3d Mondays.
Galman C. Parker	153	Winchendon	9	A. E. Lincoln	Jan. 22, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Martha Sever	154	Kingston	5	Edwin F. Morrill	Mar. 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
James A. Perkins	155	Everett	24	F. A. Hartshorn	May 24, 1883	2d and 4th Saturdays.
E. B. Piper	156	Walpole	5	S. D. Snow	June 14, 1883	4th Monday.
John A. Hawes	157	East Boston	10	Samuel G. Irish	July 1, 1883	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Alan Hamilton	159	West Brookfield	10	Edwin F. Weyer, 9 Warren Avenue	Sept. 18, 1883	1st Monday afternoon.
Woburn	161	Woburn	15	W. F. Brown	Jan. 23, 1884	3d Saturday afternoon.
Gen. J. G. Foster	163	Framingham	26	George A. Hassell	Mar. 25, 1884	4th afternoon each month.
F. A. Clary	164	Conway	6	John W. Tower	Apr. 20, 1884	3d Wednesday.
Wm. Wadsworth	165	Duxbury	11	Sidney L. Colby, 169 Church Street	May 19, 1884	1st Friday afternoon.
Rouse R. Clark	167	Whitinsville	9	Geo. W. Corey	June 18, 1884	2d and 4th Monday after- noons.
M. Amnidown	168	Southbridge	16	George W. Nead	June 27, 1884	2d and 4th Saturday after- noons.
George R. Bird	169	Norwood	11	Leander Wentworth	July 21, 1884	2d Thursday.
John Rogers	170	Mansfield	19	James R. Hamilton, Box 117, East Northfield	July 31, 1884	1st and 3d Saturday after- noons.
Henry H. Johnson	171	Northfield	6	B. C. Bennett	Aug. 5, 1884	3d Friday.
J. Arthur Johnson	173	Sturbridge	10	James A. Horton, 99 School Street	Aug. 26, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesday after- noons.
Edwin E. Day	174	Greenfield	34		Aug. 29, 1884	1st Saturday afternoon.





FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
NATIONAL OFFICERS.

GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, <i>Commander-in-Chief</i>	Van Wert, Ohio.
FRANK A. WALSH, <i>Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>	Milwaukee, Wis.
GEORGE T. LEECH, <i>Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>	Baltimore, Md.
C. W. BURRILL, <i>Surgeon-General</i>	Kansas City, Mo.
CHARLES L. SHERGUR, <i>Chaplain-in-Chief</i>	Union Springs, N. Y.

STAFF OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ANDREW S. BURT, <i>Adjutant General</i>	Van Wert, Ohio.
COLA D. R. STOWITS, <i>Quartermaster-General</i>	Buffalo, N. Y.
ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, <i>Judge-Advocate-General</i>	Indianapolis, Ind.
OTTO SHIMANSKY, <i>Inspector-General</i>	Sandusky, Ohio.
CHARLES O. BROWN, <i>National Patriotic Instructor</i>	Oak Park, Ill.
SAMUEL P. TOWN, <i>Asst.-Qm.-General and Custodian of Records</i>	Philadelphia, Pa.
GEORGE A. HOSLEY, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>	Somerville, Mass.
WILLIAM L. GAGE, <i>Senior Aide-de-Camp</i>	South Braintree, Mass.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS (FROM MASSACHUSETTS).

*Commanders-in-Chief.*

CHARLES DEVENS, 1873-74	Post 10, Worcester.
Died Jan. 7, 1891.	
GEORGE S. MERRILL, 1881	Post 39, Lawrence.
Died Feb. 17, 1900.	
JOHN G. B. ADAMS, 1894	Post 5, Lynn.
Died Oct. 19, 1900.	
WILMON W. BLACKMAR, 1905	Post 113, Boston.
Died July 6, 1905.	
JOHN E. GILMAN, 1910	Post 26, Roxbury.
Died Feb. 20, 1921.	

*Senior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.*

RICHARD F. TOBIN, 1890	Post 2, South Boston.
Died Nov. 22, 1890.	
GEORGE H. INNIS, 1891	Post 2, South Boston.
Elected to fill vacancy caused by decease of Comrade Richard F. Tobin, Died Jan. 19, 1907.	
WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1902	Post 26, Roxbury.
Died April 15, 1911.	
GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1921	Post 11, Boston.

*Junior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.*

HERBERT E. HILL, 1878	Post 139, Somerville.
Died April 8, 1892.	
E. B. STILLINGS, 1905	Post 113, Boston.
Died Dec. 30, 1917.	

*Chaplains-in-Chief.*

ALONZO H. QUINT, 1868-69	Post 1, New Bedford.
Died Nov. 4, 1896.	
JOSEPH F. LOVERING, 1876-81	Post 81, Watertown.
Died March 4, 1915.	
MARK B. TAYLOR, 1896	Post 94, Canton.
GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, 1912	Post 146, Lawrence.
Died Dec. 25, 1916.	
PHILIP A. NORDELL, 1918	Post 143, Brookline.

*Adjutants-General.*

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1873	Died Jan. 19, 1888.	Post 113, Boston.
HENRY R. SIBLEY, 1873		Post 11, Boston.
WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1881	Died April 15, 1911.	Post 26, Roxbury.
JAMES F. MEECH, 1894	Died April 30, 1895.	Post 10, Worcester.
JOHN E. GILMAN, 1904	Died Feb. 20, 1921.	Post 26, Roxbury.
E. B. STILLINGS, 1910	Died Dec. 30, 1917.	Post 113, Boston.

*Quartermasters-General.*

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1871-72	Died Jan. 19, 1888.	Post 113, Boston.
A. B. R. SPRAGUE, 1873-74	Died May 17, 1910.	Post 10, Worcester.

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1866	*Austin S. Cushman, Prov. Com. . . . .	1				
1867	*Austin S. Cushman . . . . .	1	*Arthur A. Goodell . . . . .	10	*B. A. Bridges . . . . .	6
1868	*A. B. R. Sprague . . . . .	10	*Geo. H. Pierson . . . . .	34	M. W. Burt . . . . .	3
1869	*Francis A. Osborn . . . . .	15	*Josiah Pickett . . . . .	10	*H. C. Lee . . . . .	16
1870	*James L. Bates . . . . .	58	*H. M. Phillips . . . . .	16	*W. O. Fiske . . . . .	42
1871	*Wm. Cogswell . . . . .	34	*Wm. Spaulding . . . . .	11	*S. E. Chamberlain . . . . .	30
1872	†H. R. Sibley . . . . .	11	*W. S. B. Hopkins . . . . .	120	*Gardner A. Churchill . . . . .	68
1873	*A. B. Underwood . . . . .	62	*John W. Kimball . . . . .	19	*Lemuel Pope . . . . .	135
1874	*John W. Kimball . . . . .	19	C. H. Taylor . . . . .	139	*John S. Fay . . . . .	43
1875	*Geo. S. Merrill . . . . .	39	C. Frank Luther . . . . .	79	*J. P. Maxfield . . . . .	42
1876	*Horace Binney Sargent . . . . .	15	*J. L. Skinner . . . . .	36	*Herbert E. Hill . . . . .	139
1877	*Horace Binney Sargent . . . . .	15	*Geo. S. Evans . . . . .	30	*Geo. H. Patch . . . . .	142
1878	*Horace Binney Sargent . . . . .	15	*John G. B. Adams . . . . .	5	*John A. Hawes . . . . .	1
1879	*John G. B. Adams . . . . .	5	*John A. Hawes . . . . .	1	*S. B. Spooner . . . . .	16
1880	*John A. Hawes . . . . .	1	*T. H. Hill . . . . .	33	*Benj. S. Lovell . . . . .	58
1881	*Geo. W. Creasey . . . . .	49	*Benj. S. Lovell . . . . .	58	*R. B. Wight . . . . .	63
1882	*Geo. H. Patch . . . . .	142	*Wm. H. Hart . . . . .	35	John D. Billings . . . . .	94
1883	*Geo. S. Evans . . . . .	30	*John D. Billings . . . . .	94	*W. A. Sloane . . . . .	37
1884	John D. Billings . . . . .	94	*John W. Hersey . . . . .	16	*Richard F. Tobin . . . . .	30
1885	*John W. Hersey . . . . .	16	*Richard F. Tobin . . . . .	2	*C. D. Nash . . . . .	78
1886	*Richard F. Tobin . . . . .	2	*Chas. D. Nash . . . . .	78	*E. C. Whitney . . . . .	68
1887	*Chas. D. Nash . . . . .	78	*E. C. Whitney . . . . .	68	*James Kittle . . . . .	125
1888	*Myron P. Walker . . . . .	97	*Geo. L. Goodale . . . . .	66	*Geo. H. Innis . . . . .	2
1889	*Geo. L. Goodale . . . . .	66	*Geo. H. Innis . . . . .	2	*Arthur A. Smith . . . . .	20
1890	*Geo. H. Innis . . . . .	2	*Arthur A. Smith . . . . .	20	James K. Churchill . . . . .	10
1891	*Arthur A. Smith . . . . .	20	James K. Churchill . . . . .	10	*Eli W. Hall . . . . .	5
1892	*James K. Churchill . . . . .	10	*Eli W. Hall . . . . .	5	Wilfred A. Wetherbee . . . . .	62
1893	*Eli W. Hall . . . . .	5	Wilfred A. Wetherbee . . . . .	62	*Joseph W. Thayer . . . . .	35
1894	Wilfred A. Wetherbee . . . . .	62	*Joseph W. Thayer . . . . .	35	*Wm. P. Derby . . . . .	16
1895	*Joseph W. Thayer . . . . .	35	*Wm. P. Derby . . . . .	16	*John M. Deane . . . . .	46
1896	*Wm. P. Derby . . . . .	16	*John M. Deane . . . . .	46	*John E. Gilman . . . . .	26
1897	*John M. Deane . . . . .	46	*John E. Gilman . . . . .	26	*Peter D. Smith . . . . .	99
1898	*William H. Bartlett . . . . .	10	Joseph F. Bartlett . . . . .	162	George M. Fiske . . . . .	62
1899	*John E. Gilman . . . . .	26	*Peter D. Smith . . . . .	99	*Silas A. Barton . . . . .	29
1900	*Peter D. Smith . . . . .	99	*Silas A. Barton . . . . .	26	*W. W. Blackmar . . . . .	113
1901	*Silas A. Barton . . . . .	29	*W. W. Blackmar . . . . .	113	*Dwight O. Judd . . . . .	71
1902	*W. W. Blackmar . . . . .	113	*Dwight O. Judd . . . . .	71	*Lucius Field . . . . .	64
1903	*Dwight O. Judd . . . . .	71	*Lucius Field . . . . .	64	*James H. Wolff . . . . .	92
1904	*Lucius Field . . . . .	64	*James H. Wolff . . . . .	92	J. Payson Bradley . . . . .	2
1905	*James H. Wolff . . . . .	92	J. Payson Bradley . . . . .	2	*D. H. L. Gleason . . . . .	63
1906	J. Payson Bradley . . . . .	2	*D. H. L. Gleason . . . . .	63	*Alfred S. Roe . . . . .	10
1907	*D. H. L. Gleason . . . . .	63	*Alfred S. Roe . . . . .	10	*John L. Parker . . . . .	5
1908	*Alfred S. Roe . . . . .	10	*John L. Parker . . . . .	5	*J. Willard Brown . . . . .	186
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1910	*J. Willard Brown . . . . .	186	*Granville C. Fiske . . . . .	18	George A. Hosley . . . . .	11
1911	*Granville C. Fiske . . . . .	18	George A. Hosley . . . . .	11	*Isaac C. Day . . . . .	101
1912	George A. Hosley . . . . .	11	*Isaac C. Day . . . . .	101	Thomas J. Ames . . . . .	53
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1916	*Francis E. Mole . . . . .	126	Daniel E. Denny . . . . .	10	Edwin P. Stanley . . . . .	67
1917	Daniel E. Denny . . . . .	10	Edwin P. Stanley . . . . .	67	Geo. W. Wilder . . . . .	15
1918	Edwin P. Stanley . . . . .	67	Geo. W. Wilder . . . . .	15	Horace Goodwin . . . . .	16
1919	Geo. W. Wilder . . . . .	15	Horace Goodwin . . . . .	16	Edwin F. Morrill . . . . .	156
1920	Horace Goodwin . . . . .	15	Edwin F. Morrill . . . . .	156	Henry Clark . . . . .	36
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1923	George W. Pratt . . . . .	72	Benjamin A. Ham . . . . .	2	William L. Gage . . . . .	87
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# BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HELD IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AUGUST 10-16, 1918

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This encampment was the Fifth National Encampment held in the city of Boston. The first one was held May 10, 1871; the second, August 11, 1890; the third, August 17, 1904; and the fourth, August 22, 1917.

## THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF 1924.

The idea of holding the Fifty-eighth Encampment in Boston was conceived in the mind of its wide-awake mayor, Hon. James M. Curley, who after consultation with a number of the Grand Army comrades sent a representative, in the person of the city solicitor, Hon. E. Mark Sullivan, to the National Encampment held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 3, 1923, to extend an invitation to the Encampment to hold its Fifty-eighth Encampment of 1924 in the city of Boston.

Mr. Sullivan was accorded a warm welcome, and in a very cordial talk extended the invitation to come to Boston. The invitation was quickly accepted.

On call of His Honor Mayor James M. Curley, representatives of the Grand Army and the city of Boston met in October and formed an Executive Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment of 1924. The Committee was organized as follows:

Mayor James M. Curley . . . . .	Chairman.
Fred E. Bolton . . . . .	1st Vice-Chairman.
George W. Pratt . . . . .	2nd Vice-Chairman.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee . . . . .	Executive Secretary.
John F. Dowd . . . . .	Secretary.

Chairman of Honorary Committee, Gov. Channing H. Cox.

The following-named were elected as chairmen of the several subcommittees:

Accommodations . . . . .	William L. F. Gilman.
Automobiles . . . . .	Fred E. Bolton.
Badges . . . . .	J. Payson Bradley.
Boy and Girl Scouts . . . . .	Charles T. Harding.
Decorations . . . . .	Wilfred A. Wetherbee.
Entertainment . . . . .	Fred E. Bolton.
Finance . . . . .	George A. Hosley.
Information . . . . .	William L. Anderson.
Legislation . . . . .	E. Mark Sullivan.
Medical and Public Comfort . . . . .	Henry Clark.
Music . . . . .	Fred T. Waugh.
Parade . . . . .	George A. Hosley.
Publicity . . . . .	Henry Dailey.
Printing and Program . . . . .	Wilfred A. Wetherbee.
Reunions . . . . .	J. Payson Bradley.
Transportation . . . . .	D. B. Goode.

Mr. Robert Winsor of Kidder & Peabody Company was elected as treasurer.

The Committee on Legislation held a conference with Gov. Channing H. Cox, who expressed himself in hearty accord with the project, and stated he would gladly ask, in his address to the incoming Legislature, that an appropriation of \$25,000 be made, on behalf of the State, toward the expense of the Encampment. The promise of the Governor was kept, and the \$25,000 was appropriated by the unanimous vote of the Legislature.

A similar resolve was passed by the Boston City Council, and an appropriation of \$25,000 was made by that body.

The necessary funds being assured, the Executive Committee settled down to its work. An invitation was extended to the Commander-in-Chief and the members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic to be the guests of the Encampment Committee in Boston on January 10, 1924, that being the date set for a meeting to decide on the date for the Encampment and the adoption of the usual contract required by the National Encampment. The invitation was accepted, and the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by Adj. General Burt, and Quartermaster-General Stowits, arrived in Boston on the date specified. They were entertained by the Committee of Arrangements at the Hotel Vendome. At the meeting of the Executive Committee of Arrangements with the National Encampment delegation, it was decided that the National Encampment should be held in Symphony Hall, Boston, during the week of August 10 to 17.

The plans which had been made by the Executive Committee were submitted to the Commander-in-Chief and were heartily endorsed by him. The several subcommittees gave prompt attention to their duties, and when the date decided upon arrived, everything was ready for the reception of our guests. The Committee on Accommodations assigned rooms for more than 3,500 people, and were on duty all through the Encampment week.

The Information Committee did heroic work and looked after the wishes of our visitors. They had the valuable assistance of the Boy Scouts who were on duty early and late, escorting the visitors to their hotels or rooms. The committee also had the assistance of a large number of the members of our allied organizations.

The Automobile Committee and the Entertainment Committee consolidated under one chairman, who labored early and late to make the Encampment a success. The owners of more than a thousand autos tendered the free use of their machines, and are entitled to great praise for their generous action.

The entertainment provided for our visitors surpassed that ever given at any National Encampment of the Grand Army. It opened Sunday with a patriotic service in the New Old South Church at which standing room was at a discount.

Monday evening Symphony Hall was crowded to the doors, by the holding of the semi-official meetings for the greetings to the several organizations. Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber presided.

On Tuesday forenoon a spectacle was produced which cannot fail to remain forever in the minds of those who witnessed it. The Grand Army Parade, 2,500 comrades marching and as many more in autos, the greater portion of them averaging 83 to 85 years of age, paraded the line of march in a downpouring rain. Not a comrade wavered, and although wet to the skin marched over the whole route, thus giving the people of the present generation some idea of the staying powers of the men who saved our country from disruption in 1861. The Department of Massachusetts, as usual, made a fine, soldierly appearance, and was greeted with unstinted applause over the whole route of parade.

#### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Symphony Hall was for the third time selected as the meeting place of the Encampment. The fifty-eighth National Encampment was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber. Nearly every delegate entitled to a seat in the Encampment was present.

The usual routine of business was carried through. The election of officers took place at the Thursday morning session, with the following result: Louis F. Arens-

berg of Pennsylvania, Commander-in-Chief; Wilfred A. Wetherbee of Massachusetts, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief; and John Reese of Nebraska, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

The Encampment was adjourned at 1 o'clock. After a luncheon provided by the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, the delegates were taken in autos to the home of Miss Mary B. Forbes in Milton to view a facsimile of the log cabin in which our martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, was born, after which the ride was continued to Lexington and Concord and return to Boston.

Friday was devoted to the entertainment of the delegates by a trip to Plymouth by special boats, and a monster clam bake, twenty-five hundred people being seated at one time under a mammoth tent generously loaned by the Plymouth Cordage Company.

It was a grand finale to a most enjoyable and successful week.

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